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## NEWSWATCH



### It's Di

Princess of Wales, Diana, wearing a baseball cap and baggy white trousers tucked into cowboy boots yesterday after taking her youngest son, Prince Harry, to Jane Mynors' Kindergarten for the new term. (Reuters wirephoto)

### Boeing door

NEW DELHI, April 25, (UPI): A door of an Indian Airlines Boeing 737 malfunctioned yesterday as the plane flew over northeastern India, causing the aircraft to depressurize and leaving injured at least two passengers, officials and reports said.

The Press Trust of India reported, the door actually opened twice and that four people sustained injuries in the incident over Agartala, the capital of jungle-covered Tripura state.

### Slachen talks

NEW DELHI, April 25, (KUNA): The Indian government is not considering any bilateral defence co-operation with Pakistan, Indian parliament was informed.

Minister of State for Defence Chintamani Panigrahi said his coming meeting between the defence secretaries of the two countries was to discuss the Slachen issue.

### Mistaken identity

DUBLIN, April 25, (Reuters): Irishman Seamus Lee arrived home after a night out on the town to discover his family making preparations for his funeral.

The mourning began for the 31-year-old Dubliner when his shocked father mistakenly identified a tattooed body taken from the River Liffey as that of his son.

### Karajan retires

BERLIN, April 25, (AP): Herbert von Karajan, the acclaimed 81-year-old conductor of the Berlin Philharmonic, announced yesterday that infirmity has forced his immediate retirement and the end of a 35-year era for the famed orchestra.

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# Syria masses more troops

Shelling rocks Beirut: UN backs League

BEIRUT, April 25, (Agencies): Syria massed more troops and armour at front lines with besieged Christian forces in north Lebanon, as the UN Security Council declared its support to the Arab League's effort to secure a truce and political settlement, sources said.

They said an unknown number of reinforcements, backed by 200 tanks, other armoured vehicles and two gun-batteries, deployed recently at the edge of the Koura district facing Christians controlling the Byblos area. The report could not be confirmed further.

Christian Army commander Major General Michel Aoun issued a late night statement warning residents to brace for a new round of fighting.

Aoun, accused Syria of reinforcing its positions and predicted it would unleash a fresh bombardment of the capital.

Aoun said Damascus had "clear intention of aggression" and warned Lebanese to take precautions against a Syrian bombardment before tomorrow's meeting in Tunis of Arab League foreign ministers.

Christian Army units and Syrian gunners today poured rocket and artillery fire on Beirut in a sudden escalation of violence, killing at least two people and wounding 16, police said.

The indiscriminate bombardment, which began at midnight (2200 GMT Monday), raged without letup for six hours before it eased into sporadic exchanges after daybreak.

Four shells crashed in the garden of the Comfort Hotel in East Beirut's Hazmeh neighbourhood, which houses offices of the UN Interim Force in South Lebanon and the UN Relief and Works Agency, according to police.

The Goethe Institute, a West German cultural centre in West Beirut's Manara district, also took direct hits that destroyed the facade of the three-storey building.

Police said West Beirut's Sahel hospital on the main airport highway took several direct hits, damaging equipment without hurting any of the patients.

The city shook as Army troops under Aoun lobbed 155mm and 130mm howitzer and mortar shells into Muslim West Beirut.

The Syrians opened up on East Beirut, the heart of the besieged 310-square-mile (800-square-kilometre) Christian enclave, with 240mm mortars and BM-21 rocket launchers which fire 40 122mm projectiles in 20 seconds.

Police said they fired from positions in West Beirut, the central mountains and the olive groves in Koura in the north, from where they also blasted a 30-mile (48-kilometre) coastal stretch linking Beirut with the ancient city of Byblos.

On Monday police reported Muslim forces fired rockets at a French tanker as it delivered fuel to reactivating power stations that stopped providing electricity 10

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## Investment guaranty agreement signed

Insurance coverage

By Diane Diaz Arab Times staff

KUWAIT signed an investment guaranty agreement with the United States on Monday, paving the way for enhanced foreign participation in Kuwaiti projects.

The agreement, signed by Kuwait's Finance Minister Jasssem Al Khorafi and US Ambassador W. Nathaniel Howell, "allows the US Overseas Private Investments Corporation (OPIC) to issue insurance coverage for American businesses engaged in economic activity in Kuwait or with Kuwait," an official at the US embassy said.

OPIC is a US government agency that acts as an insurance agent for a number of American firms which conduct business overseas. Its primary function is to insure foreign investments, though it also covers a number of other types of business ventures.

"The goal is to make it more convenient for foreign, particularly American businessmen to do business in Kuwait," the embassy official said.

He said some American firms are reluctant to do business here

because "war risk is something people are nervous about."

The OPIC offers relatively inexpensive insurance for such things as war and revolution, whereas private insurance companies don't offer that type of coverage or charge outlandish prices for it.

"Kuwait is very interested in having US firms get involved here, particularly in the area of contracting," the embassy spokesman said.

He explained that Kuwait will welcome foreign businesses who can bring advanced technology to this country.

"Having the OPIC agreement in place makes it much easier for (American businessmen) to make commitments here that Kuwait wants them to make," he said.

The agreement comes after 18 months of negotiations.

The United States has similar agreements with about 100 other developing countries, including Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar and Oman.

Negotiations are currently underway to finalise a similar deal with the United Arab Emirates.



Takeshita listens to questions being asked by opposition party members on his involvement in the Recruit share scandal. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Two Israeli lackeys killed in held areas

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, April 25, (Reuters): A Palestinian was hacked and stabbed to death and another beaten to death by West Bank Arabs who suspected them of helping Israel, Palestinians said today.

Azam Abdel Rahim Al Kadi, 21, was found dead in the Nablus casbah, police said. Ribhi Mahmoud Bani-Oudeh, 22, was kidnapped by men masked in keffiyeh scarves and his beaten body left in a field near Tamoun village.

Palestinian sources said both men were suspected of helping Israeli authorities in their 16-month struggle to suppress Arab revolt in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Underground leaders of the uprising have called for the punishment of unrepentant collaborators. At least 30 such suspects have been killed.

Israeli tourists yesterday stormed through the Arab city of Hebron in the West Bank, smashing shop and car windows after Palestinians stoned their buses on the way to the Cave of the Patriarchs, a Jewish shrine.

Police said they received four complaints from Arabs in the city, the West Bank's second largest after Nablus.

In the Gaza Strip, hospitals said troops shot and wounded at least 18 Arab protesters yesterday, bringing the number of killed to eight and wounded to 137 since the start of Ramadan.

The State Department in Washington expressed concern. A spokeswoman asserted the "increase in tension...runs directly counter to the cause of peace." She urged restraint by all sides and refused to blame either side.

Israeli authorities in Jerusalem said they were investigating whether a Palestinian news agency was breaking the law by issuing press credentials to foreign correspondents.

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Prior to the Tokyo stock exchange surge after the announcement, and the Nikkei stock average of 225 selected issues, which shed 223.89 points the previous day, regained 250.47 points, or 0.76 per cent, to finish morning trading at 33,056.39.

Takeshita's approval rating in a recent poll by Kyodo news service slumped to 3.9 per cent.

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## Takeshita to quit to restore trust

Recruit scandal casualty

TOKYO, April 25, (Agencies): Japan's Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita, losing popularity fast amid an influence-peddling scandal, said today he will resign but left the timing of his departure and the identity of his successor unclear.

"I offer my deep apology to the people of our country, particularly for allowing political distrust to deepen due to affairs in which I was involved," Takeshita said at a news conference at his official residence.

"I have chosen to step aside in order to restore the people's trust in government," Takeshita said.

Takeshita said he and his cabinet will resign after approval of the 1989 budget by the Diet, Japan's Parliament, which is expected in May.

The Recruit scandal, which has bedeviled Japanese politics for half of Takeshita's 18-month tenure, leaves his country in a state of political uncertainty. It appeared possible that an elder politician from Takeshita's Liberal Democratic Party may become a sort of interim prime minister until the situation is sorted out.

The candidate mentioned in many news reports today was former Foreign Minister Masayoshi Ito, a diabetic whose health was in question.

But Ito, the 75-year-old chairman of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party's executive council, appeared to decline.

"I think it should be a young person. It's time for a young person to be in charge," he said.

The Recruit scandal erupted last summer with revelations that the company had sold cut-price shares in a real estate subsidiary to more than 150 politicians, bureaucrats, business leaders and media executives.

The shares, often bought with money lent by another Recruit subsidiary, yielded fat profits when sold after the subsidiary went public in 1986.

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## 20-man panel formed

## Khomeini moves to rectify defects

NICOSIA, April 25, (Agencies): Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Khomeini appointed a 20-man committee to draw up major constitutional changes that could determine the future direction of the country.

The move, announced in a letter to President Ali Khamenei read on Tehran Radio yesterday, could clear legal problems in choosing a successor to Khomeini, 86, and electing a powerful President in August.

Last month Khomeini sacked his designated successor, Ayatollah Hossein Ali Montazeri, the only other man seen capable of combining top religious and political authority.

The eight-point agenda set by Khomeini for the committee "to rectify defects in the constitution" includes issues of leadership, centralisation of power in the executive and judicial branches and defining a legal status for a senior troubleshooting council to advise the leadership.

Political analysts said the revision, the first to be made in the 1979 constitution, was a key element in the transition to the post-Khomeinera. The committee is to report within two months.

Rivalry has intensified in recent months between hard-liners favouring state domination of the economy and a militant foreign policy and moderates who advocate free enterprise and a more pragmatic diplomacy.

Khomeini has leaned towards the hardliners recently, but the committee appeared evenly balanced.

Khamenei, parliamentary Speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani and Chief Justice Abdolkarim Mousavi Ardebili are on the revision committee, which contains only two non-clerics — Prime Minister Mir Hossein Mousavi and Justice Minister Hassan Ebrahim Habibi.

Mousavi attacked West Germany for co-operating with the US Central Intelligence Agency, and said people arrested for espionage in Iran recently made contact with the CIA in Europe.

Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati dismissed yesterday an opposition report that a senior ministry official had been arrested in a crackdown on alleged US spies in Iran.

## Land dispute leads to violence

NOUAKCHOTT, Mauritania, April 25, (AP): Mobs wielding iron bars and clubs yesterday sacked market stalls belonging to Senegalese here, while similar violence against Mauritians exploded in neighbouring Senegal, officials in both countries reported.

Sporadic violence over the past two weeks stemming from a land dispute gathered momentum yesterday and sent bands of roving vandals into the streets to Dakar and Nouakchott, smashing cars and destroying market stalls.

## DAY BY DAY

REGRETTABLY, many of our economic activists and intellectuals are not gainfully employed.

They are simply sitting at home because they cannot be employed as they are under the difficult loans settlement scheme.

These are efficient and capable young men — sitting idly simply because they are victims of the Manakh crash. They are now immobilised as they can seek no jobs and the government in turn does not benefit from them.

A large number of such youths were relieved of their jobs and now live in desperation. Some of them thought of looking for jobs outside Kuwait.

And still we are talking of employing more Kuwaitis and strike a population balance.

Zahed Matar

## Kuwait will issue unit trusts to boost stock market

KUWAIT, April 25, (Reuters): Kuwait is to allow its banks and investment companies to issue unit trusts to try to breathe life into a sluggish stock exchange, financial sources said today.

Bankers say a pool of hundreds of millions of dollars exists that could potentially be tapped from smaller investors with few places to put their money other than traditional time deposits.

Under legislation yet to be approved by the cabinet the financial institutions would be able to sell units to the public to buy Kuwaiti shares and real estate and to invest overseas.

The sources said the legislation had been approved by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and the Central Bank and should be approved by the cabinet within a month or two.

The funds, to be listed on the stock exchange, would create demand for shares in a market that has limped along since 1982, when a crash in share prices left investors paralysed in a twisted net of billions of dinars of unpaid debts.

The crash was caused by wild speculation financed in part by post-dated cheques at the height of the oil boom and plunged

Kuwait into recession.

Local unit trusts, or mutual funds, which invest in various securities from many people and pays them dividends in proportion to other holdings, have not been allowed in Kuwait, although some finance companies have been unofficially combining a channelling small investors' (Continued on Page 7 Col. 1)

Unidentified sailor wipes a tear during a memorial service in Norfolk, for the crew members who died aboard the USS Iowa on April 19. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Mourning

WASHINGTON, April 25, (AP): The US Supreme Court has refused to grant deposed Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos, 71, and his wife, Imelda, 59, access to most of their alleged vast wealth.

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A US indictment last year charged the couple and

six others on racketeering counts, saying they looted more than \$100 million from the Philippines to buy art and real estate in New York City.

In a separate development, the founder of the Philippine Communist Party today defended the slaying of a US military adviser as a response to US aggression.

Aquino said today that negotiations will begin before year's end on whether to allow the United States to continue using military bases in the Philippines.



Toxic drugs can be eliminated

## Treatment for organ transplants

STANFORD, California, April 25, (AP): A promising treatment for organ transplant patients could eliminate the lifelong need for highly toxic drugs to fight rejection of new organs by the body's immune system, researchers say.

The treatment, though in an experimental stage in rats and perhaps five years from being used in humans, could revolutionise organ transplants by overcoming one of the operations' major risks and improving the quality of the patient's lives, said Dr C. Garrison Fathman, a Stanford University professor of medicine.

The approach uses three doses of tailor-made monoclonal antibodies before transplant surgery to temporarily "blind" the immune system

and keep it from recognising a new organ as foreign tissue and attacking it.

Rats given the treatment before receiving transplanted hearts have now survived for more than 200 days without signs of rejection and without any additional anti-rejection drugs.

Dr Thomas Flavin, of the Stanford Department of Cardiovascular Surgery, was to present the findings later at the International Society for Heart Transplantation meeting in Munich, West Germany.

The treatment effectively paralysed the rat immune system by killing certain cells before surgeons implanted hearts from donor rats into the abdomens of other rats, leaving the recipients' original hearts intact.

## Purge expected

## Gorbachev opens plenary session

MOSCOW, April 25, (Agencies): President Mikhail S. Gorbachev opened a one-day plenary session of the Communist Party central committee with a speech on the party's programme and local party organisations, the official Tass news agency said.

"Participants in the plenum are considering some questions of the work of the Communist Party central committee and local party organisations," Tass said.

"A report on the subject is being made by General Secretary of the Communist Party Mikhail Gorbachev," said the news agency, adding that the session will last one day only.

Western diplomats said they expected a purge of senior officials who were rejected by voters during last month's parliamentary elections for members of the new Congress of Peoples Deputies.

"The election has really been a shock to the party apparat," a Western diplomat said yesterday. "I think that (Soviet leader) Mikhail Gorbachev has to fire someone from the Politburo for his democratisation to be credible."

In the Communist Party's first contested election in 70 years, voters on March 26 rejected the city party bosses of Leningrad, Moscow, Kiev and Minsk. In all, 20 per cent of regional party bosses failed to win election to the new Congress of People's representatives established under Gorbachev's reform policies.

The most likely candidate for sacking is Yuri Solov'yev, regional party boss in Leningrad, and candidate Politburo member, who was turned down by voters even though he ran on a one-candidate slate. More than

50 per cent of the electorate in the northern city simply crossed his name out.

One veteran who may hang on is Vladimir Shcherbitsky, a veteran Politburo member of the Leonid Brezhnev era and party boss of the entire Ukraine since 1972. The 72-year-old Shcherbitsky squeaked by in the March elections, winning 75 per cent of the vote, but he also ran unopposed in the safest of districts.

"Gorbachev would dearly like to be rid of him," the Western diplomat said. But he noted Shcherbitsky's past survival record and hesitated to predict his political demise. Shcherbitsky has been a member of the Politburo since 1971.

The meeting of the full membership, or plenum, of some 300 Communist Party chiefs is also expected to grapple with the future role of the party in a changing Soviet society, diplomats said.

The Soviet Union has been a one-party state since the communists took power in November 1917 and the state's founder, Vladimir Lenin, banned all other parties. Articles have recently appeared talking about a multi-party system.

The minister of health in Soviet Georgia said today that military officials still have not identified a gas used by soldiers to break up a pro-independence demonstration.

Irakli Managarishvili told foreign correspondents that Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze has ordered the assistant prosecutor of the Soviet Union to investigate charges that soldiers used nerve gas against the demonstrators in the April 9 confrontation in which 19 people were killed. Another person was shot and killed later for violating a curfew.

# UK steps up airport security measures

## IATA sees situation in many parts of world as critical

LONDON, April 25, (Agencies): Closer inspection of electronic luggage items are among the improved airport security measures formally announced yesterday in the British House of Commons, following the downing of a passenger jet by a bomb believed hidden in a radio-cassette recorder.

British Transport Secretary Paul Channon told lawmakers that other stepped-up measures included planned use of a thermal neutron analysis machine to

check for bombs at London's Heathrow and Gatwick airports, employment of more inspectors and more cash for research into detecting explosives.

Investigators believe a bomb concealed in a radio-cassette player brought down New York-bound Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie in Scotland on Dec 21, killing all 259 people aboard and 11 on the ground. The flight originated in Frankfurt, West Germany, and passengers changed planes at Heathrow. The

crime is still being investigated. Several British newspaper reporters, hired under assumed names by cleaning firms, exposed security lapses at Heathrow after the Flight 103 bombing.

Channon said he is drawing up new legal powers to prosecute cleaning firms and other aircraft servicing companies who fail to fulfil security requirements.

In Geneva the International Air Transport Association warned yesterday that security stan-

dards in the airline industry are not being properly applied in many parts of the world.

IATA "sees the current situation as still being critical and continued improvement in security as a top priority," according to a statement from the airline lobby. Spokesman David Kyd said that IATA had issued the public call because it felt that international security regulations, though adequate, are not being enforced "as rigorously as they might" in some countries.

He declined to name the countries, saying "that would be a give-away to terrorists."

At its executive committee meeting last Friday, IATA set up for the first time a top level advisory group to co-ordinate industry security policy, Kyd said.

Investigators into the bombing of Flight 103 believe they have uncovered a series of international crimes whose loot has funded European terrorists, the Times of London reported.

# 65 detained after rioting

Lawless elements blamed for Chinese violence

BEIJING, April 25, (Agencies): China gave its first official account today of detentions in the southern city of Changsha following anti-government rioting linked to the funeral of reformist leader Hu Yaobang last week.

The official People's Daily said 65 people, most of them labourers or unemployed people, were still being questioned, suspected of smashing shops and looting government offices.

A handful of those detained were students, it added. Foreigners have said more than 300 people may have been held after crowds of frustrated youths broke into government and Communist Party offices, smashed shops and commandeered cars and buses.



Striking students from the Foreign Language Institute march down a Beijing street on Monday carrying banners and flags. (Reuters wirephoto)

The newspaper said another 33 people were held briefly and released in Changsha but it did not mention arrests in the central city of Xian, where riots also broke out on Saturday.

The China Youth Daily quoted students in Xian as calling for stern punishment of rioters.

China has said that students were not involved in the outbreaks in the two provincial capitals, blaming the violence on "lawless elements."

Up to 100,000 students defied a ban and massed in Beijing's huge Tiananmen Square on Saturday, calling for more democracy and a reassessment of the role of the liberal leader, who was forced to resign as Communist Party chief in January, 1987.

Hu died on April 15 after a heart attack. His death has unleashed a flood of emotional protests, venting complaints against corruption and inflation to demands for greater democracy and a free press.

A witness to the rioting in Changsha told Reuters by telephone that angry youths swarmed into a restaurant and carried frightened foreign tourists around on their shoulders.

"They were so scared," said a waitress.

Foreigners at a university in the city said students had been openly critical of the leadership, including senior leader Deng Xiaoping.

They said students had been fed better food over the weekend to keep them happy and off the streets.

They also said that students at Xiangtan University near Changsha had marched on the streets of that city, smashing shop windows on April 17.

Officials ordered factories to keep their workers from striking in sympathy with Beijing students who boycotted classes for a second day today to demand democratic reforms.

## UK, S. Africa relations sour over arms racket

Pik Botha denies charge

LONDON, April 25, (Agencies): Britain stood today on the brink of a major diplomatic row with South Africa, amid mounting suspicion that Pretoria has been trying to trade arms with extremist groups in Northern Ireland in return for stolen missile secrets.

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher expressed Britain's "great concern" when she met here last night South African Minister of Finance Barend du Plessis, and earlier the South African Ambassador here Rae Killen was summoned to the Foreign Office.

The arrest of three members of the Ulster Defence Association in a swoop by French police on a Paris hotel is believed here to have foiled a South African deal to supply arms to the Ulster resistance organisation in return for information about Britain's secret Blowpipe anti-aircraft missile manufactured at Shot Brothers firm in Belfast.

A model of a Blowpipe missile stolen from a territorial Army base in the British-ruled Northern Ireland is thought to have been found with the men when they were arrested.

South Africa, denied yesterday that it dealt with terrorists but defended the right of the weapons industry to shop around for technology.

Foreign Minister Pik Botha said Pretoria had launched an inquiry into the actions of one of its Paris diplomats, caught red-handed while making a deal with Protestant militants.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Soviets seek asylum

LITTLE DIOMEDE ISLAND, Alaska, April 25, (UPI): Two members of a Soviet friendship delegation to a tiny Eskimo border island have defected and were seeking asylum in the United States, officials said yesterday.

It may be the first case of Soviets travelling across the Bering Strait seeking to stay in the United States, said Gary Johnson, regional director of the US Immigration and Naturalisation Service in Anchorage.

### Union leader acquitted

JOHANNESBURG, April 25, (AP): A judge acquitted a prominent union leader and four other black activists of subversion yesterday and said former community organisations and boycotts was not a crime, but a form of protest against corruption and poor living conditions. Moses Mayekiso, head of the country's largest metalworkers union, was carried from the Supreme Court building to the nearby Central Methodist Church on the shoulders of jubilant supporters as police ordered the crowd to stop singing and chanting and told journalists to leave the area.

### King ends term

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia, April 25, (AP): Malaysia's eighth king, Sultan Mahmood Iskandar, ended his five-year term today and returned to his hometown of Johore Bahru. In Malaysia, the king's title is Yang Di-Pertuan Agong. The ninth king Sultan Azlan Shah, 61, of Perak state will arrive tomorrow in the capital from Ipoh, 200 kms (120 miles) to the north, to take his oath of office.

### Princess Tokhye buried

SEOUL, South Korea, April 25, (AP): Princess Tokhye, one of the last survivors of the ancient Yi dynasty that ruled Korea for five centuries, was buried today as mourners offered prayers for "the unhappy princess."

The princess, who lived through the upheaval of modern Korean history and Japan's colonisation of Korea from 1910 to 1945, died Friday at age 77.

PALM SPRINGS, California, April 25, (UPI): A Swiss pilot landed his helium-filled balloon yesterday outside a small town in Montana to become the apparent winner of the Gordon Bennett distance race, covering nearly 1,000 miles (1,600 km) in little more than a day.

Karl Spenger and his son-in-law and co-pilot, Ronald Schuler, both of Wills, Switzerland, safely touched down in their balloon Jura at 1:45 pm PDT (2045 GMT), one mile west of Ashland in southeastern Montana, about 40 miles (65 km) north of the Wyoming state line.

### Carnage remembered

ANZAC COVE, Turkey, April 25, (Reuters): A young Australian girl sat on the Anzac Cove beach at 4.30 am and wept.

She was remembering the moment 74 years ago today when the soldiers of the First World War allies landed in a hail of Turkish fire on the Gallipoli peninsula.

Elsewhere, New Zealanders performed Maori war dances and Turks and Britons laid wreaths in memory of the carnage of the unsuccessful British-led attempt to gain control of the passage from the Black Sea to the Mediterranean.



Grieving relatives of some of the sailors killed aboard the USS Iowa on April 19 console each other during a memorial service at the Norfolk Naval Station on Monday. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Rice crop destroyed

## Pray for rains: Ershad

DHAKA, April 25, (AP): President Hussain Muhammad Ershad has ordered nation-wide prayers for rain, hoping to end a two-month-old drought that has scorched rice fields, ravaging the country's main crop, an official said yesterday.

Mass prayers across Bangladesh will be held tomorrow for 15 minutes in mosques and open playgrounds, said Toab Khan, the President's press secretary.

Ershad will attend the prayer ground on the main Muslim congregation in Dhaka where 100,000 people are expected to recite verses from the Quran.

Rains, which were expected about the first week of March, are not likely for another week, the weather office said.

The drought has destroyed the rice in more than 15 districts in northern Bangladesh, the harvest hit area, said officials at the Agriculture Ministry.

The drought followed devastating floods last year that swamped three-fourths of the nation. The floods killed more than 1,400 people and washed away about 2.5 million tons of grain.

## Premadasa invites Rajiv to Lanka

COLOMBO, April 25, (AP): President Ranasinghe Premadasa has invited Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi to visit Sri Lanka where Indian troops are battling Tamil rebels, officials said.

The invitation was extended through Lakshman Lal Mehrotra, India's new high commissioner to this island nation, said the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Mehrotra presented his credentials to Premadasa yesterday during a meeting that lasted 55 minutes, said a spokeswoman for the Indian high commis-

sion. The spokeswoman said no details were being released by either side about the credential presentation ceremony.

Rajiv survived an attempt on his life during his last visit to Sri Lanka on July 29, 1987, when a Sri Lankan sailor attacked him during a naval honour guard inspection.

During that visit, Rajiv signed an Indian-sponsored peace accord aimed at ending a six-year-old Tamil rebellion that has claimed 10,000 lives.

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INTERNATIONAL

NEWS IN BRIEF

Spielberg divorces

LOS ANGELES, April 25, (AP): Movie director Steven Spielberg and actress Amy Irving have decided to divorce, ending months of speculation about their 3-1/2-year marriage.

The settlement agreements have already been amicably reached by both Irving and Spielberg, publicist Robert G. Friedman said yesterday in releasing a statement from the couple.

Ball gets award

LOS ANGELES, April 25, (Reuters): Comedienne Lucille Ball, recovering in the hospital from emergency heart surgery, got just what the doctor ordered yesterday — an award for her contributions to developing young performers.

"The timing is absolutely perfect," said Ball's daughter Lucie Arnaz, who accepted the 1989 Eastern Kodak Second Century Award on behalf of her mother. "This particular award comes at a time when my mom really needs it."

Rock group reunites

NEW YORK, April 25, (Reuters): The WHO, the legendary British rock group, announced yesterday they were reuniting for a 25-city North American tour this summer in celebration of the band's 25th anniversary.

The stadium tour, which reunites original band members Pete Townshend, Roger Daltrey and John Entwistle, is scheduled to start on June 24 in Toronto and run until Aug 30 when it ends in Oakland, Calif.

Drug abusers

ALBANY, New York, April 25, (UPI): Hispanic adults — notably those who have lost touch with their native culture — have the highest rates of cocaine and heroin use, the Hispanic director of New York's Drug Abuse Agency said yesterday.

But Hispanic drug abusers also are more likely than others to realise their problem and seek treatment, according to a study of Hispanic drug abuse by the division of substance abuse.

Mysterious hair loss

MOSCOW, April 25, (AP): Foreign specialists have questioned a Soviet diagnosis that children in the Ukrainian city of Chernobyl lost their hair because of poisoning by the metal thallium, the Tass News Agency reported yesterday.

Dr Gerard de Groot of the toxicological centre in the Netherlands told the news agency the quantities of thallium found in patients could not have caused serious consequences. But he and other experts, including one from the Geneva-based World Health Organisation, could not determine what caused more than 160 children to lose their hair since the autumn.

Resources slim

LOS ANGELES, April 25, (AP): Attorney General Dick Thornburgh denied yesterday that Los Angeles is being shortchanged of federal funds and resources to fight violent street gangs and drug trafficking.

"Do you have enough? No. Will you ever have enough? Never," said Thornburgh, the nation's top US law enforcement official.

Black Americans

WASHINGTON, April 25, (UPI): A coalition of black leaders called on the Bush administration yesterday to increase efforts to improve the health status of black Americans, who are dying at a faster rate than whites.

Black leaders representing about 40 organisations and institutions gathered on Capitol Hill for a "summit on black death", which ended with a private meeting with Health and Human Services Secretary Louis Sullivan.

Plunged to death

NEW YORK, April 25, (UPI): A woman wearing only a flannel shirt plunged nearly 100 feet (30m) to her death yesterday from the right field foul pole at Shea Stadium while the facility was occupied only by grounds workers, police said.

The workers saw the woman, who appeared to be between 30 and 40 years of age, scale a stadium fence to right field at the home stadium of the New York Mets baseball team, then climb the foul pole about 9 am, police spokeswoman officer Janice Swinney said.

Five killed

AMRITSAR, April 25, (UPI): Sikh extremists today shot two people to death and boobytrapped the bodies, one of which exploded and killed three members of a search party trying to retrieve the corpses, police said. Police said radicals fighting to create a separate Sikh state in the northern state of Punjab staged the operation before dawn in Jallian village, 15 miles (24 km) south of the Sikh holy city of Amritsar.

Rape case stirs anger

'She wasn't nothing'

NEW YORK, April 25, (Reuters): New York City is in uproar over a case of "wilding," slum slang for a teen-age rampage through Central Park that ended with the rape and near-death of a woman jogger in what her assailants called fun.

Eight youths, aged between 14 and 17, are being held without bail as the woman, 28, a Wall Street investment adviser, lies in a coma fighting for life. Her parents sit at her bedside, asking strangers for prayers.

Since the assault last Wednesday night, New Yorkers seem to have thought and talked of nothing else.

A wave of anger is consuming a city notorious for its indifference, a city where people routinely walk over sleeping homeless in the streets to get to work.

"Go wilding," words inspired by a song the youths used to describe their attack, has entered the language with a vengeance.

There are fears the attack could ignite racial tensions. The woman's accused attackers were black and Hispanic. She is white. But her attackers insist in statements released by prosecutors that race was not a concern.

They say they just wanted to add a woman to a list of nine joggers and pedestrians they attacked in 75 minutes in a park that is both a source of pride and fear for New Yorkers.

"She wasn't nothing," said one of her accused attackers, Antron McCray, 15, while being held in custody.

"He said he did it because 'it was fun,'" said assistant prosecutor Elizabeth Lederer of a comment made by another accused assailant, Yusef Salaam, 15.

Officials say they are shocked that not a single one of the arrested youths has expressed any real remorse. They added that they are even shocked at their parents' attitude.

A father fell asleep while police questioned his son, a mother asked if her son could go home after being questioned. Not one parent asked about the woman's condition but one mother threw a punch at her son, police sources said.

The woman was jogging in the northern Harlem end of the park at 10 pm. Friends said she jogged every night, although many New Yorkers refuse to go into the park late at night.

A gang of about 12 youths assaulted her, ignoring her screams of "let me alone," to smash her head with a lead pipe and a brick and then rip her clothes off and rape her. Police said they think about five of the youths took turns raping her while other held her down. They then left her to die.

Only one youth questioned what he did. "He said it got to him when he saw her blood squirt," a police source said.

The park attack has political ramifications. Mayor Edward Koch is fighting for a fourth term in office. One opponent is former federal prosecutor Rudolph Giuliani, a Republican, who is expected to make law and order his theme.

Giuliani's wife was mugged in Manhattan the same night the central park "wolf pack" went on its spree.

Koch's main opponent in his own Democratic Party is Manhattan borough president David Dinkins, the first black to make a serious bid for the mayoralty in years. His chances could be harmed in any racial backlash over the attack.

US trial opens

Alcohol damage

SEATTLE, Wash., April 25, (Reuters): What may be the first US case in which an alcoholic woman has sued a liquor company for alleged damages to her new-born son opened here yesterday.

A six-member jury was seated to hear the US district court case, which the liquor industry is watching closely. The outcome could set a legal precedent resulting in a flood of further litigation against liquor companies.

The suit was filed against the James B Beam Distilling Co. by Candace and Harold Thorp, whose son Michael was born in 1984 with facial malformations and now suffers from mental retardation.

The couple alleges that the company, the maker of Jim Beam Bourbon, should have put warning labels on its bottles about a possible link between liquor and foetal alcohol syndrome. The condition can lead to growth deficiencies, damage to the central nervous system and other problems.

The US government has estimated that 5,000 children are born each year with the syndrome.



Kim: guilty

N.Korean bomber confessed

Sentenced to death

SEOUL, April 25, (UPI): A Seoul court today sentenced a North Korean woman to death by hanging for planting a bomb on a Korean Air jetliner that disappeared over Southeast Asia with 115 people on board.

Kim Hyon-Hui, 27, a confessed North Korean agent who once said she deserved to "die a hundred times" for the November 1987 bombing, was given the maximum sentence by the same three-judge panel that earlier convicted her of murder, destruction of an aircraft and violation of South Korea's national security law.

Official sources said Kim is likely to face execution. President Roh Tae-Woo is expected eventually to grant her a special pardon because of her potential as a vocal witness to North Korean atrocities, the sources said.

"Under the spirit of the Montreal Convention, anyone who attacks a civil airliner must face the capital punishment," Seoul district criminal court presiding Judge Chung Sang-Hak said in imposing the sentence.

Kim wept quietly when the sentence was announced and was immediately escorted from the courtroom. Relatives of the bombing victims, who often cursed at her during the trial, watched silently as she left the room.

Kim was one of the two North Koreans accused of placing a time bomb on KAL Flight 858, which vanished after departing Baghdad for Seoul on Nov 28, 1987. No bodies were recovered, but debris believed to be from the Boeing 707 was found in the sea off Burma.



Tribute to Bette Davis

Bette Davis acknowledges applause as she enters Lincoln Centre for a tribute to her by the Lincoln Centre Film Society and at right actor Jimmy Stewart waves to photographers as he enters the centre. (Reuters wirephotos)

US newspapers still slow on minority hiring

CHICAGO, April 25, (Reuters): American newspapers have failed to find a way to make their work forces racially diverse, the publisher of the New York Times said yesterday.

Arthur Sulzberger, chairman of the American Newspaper Publishers Association, told the group's annual meeting that a survey showed the industry has "no cause for self-congratulations" on the issue.

"Of what might seem to be a passable 16 per cent minority representation in the workforce, only seven per cent turn out to be managers or executives," he said.

"And I would hazard a guess that if you removed staff positions from that number and concentrated on line jobs (with direct authority), the percentage would drop appreciably," he said.

Despite increased attention paid to the issue in recent years, he said, "the solution remains elusive." "We have a long way to go but we've started. The ANPA has set up a minority job hotline, where applicants can learn of current job opportunities," he said. "It has expanded its multicultural management workshops and now actively participates in job fairs and minority training."

# Stop executions, urges Amnesty

## Rough justice for condemned prisoners

LONDON, April 25, (Agencies): Amnesty International called on 100 countries to abolish the death penalty, which it said violated human rights and discriminates against minorities and the poor.

"An execution cannot be used to condemn killing it is killing," the international human rights organisation said in a 268-page report, "When the State Kills... the Death Penalty v. Human Rights," released today.

Amnesty said in the past 10 years it has recorded 15,320 executions in 90 of the 100 countries that still have the death penalty. The organisation said its records were "merely the tip of the iceberg," citing estimates of more than 40,000 men, women and children executed since 1979.

Amnesty rejected arguments that capital punishment is a deterrent to criminals or a just retribution for murder, citing reports by British and US commissions and studies done in Canada, Nigeria and elsewhere.

The death penalty is legal in all 18 Middle East countries, but Amnesty International reported it was not aware of any executions last year in Egypt, Libya, Morocco, Oman or Tunisia.

There have been no executions in Bahrain since 1977 and none in Israel or the occupied territories since 1961, the human rights group said in a report on capital punishment.

Elsewhere in the region, executions have taken place for a range of crimes including murder, abduction, rape, adultery, violent robbery and drug-trafficking, as well as politically related offences and religious crimes, Amnesty International said.

The report said there have been public executions in seven countries in the region in the past decade. They were broadcast on national television in Yemen this year and in Libya before 1988, it said.

Amnesty said thousands have been executed in Iran since 1979. Two of the biggest waves of mass political executions were in the early 1980s and the second half of 1988, it said.

Countless prisoners were killed in both waves, many of them for their non-violent political opposition," Amnesty said.

Trials before Iranian Islamic revolutionary courts have sometimes consisted of nothing more than a reading out of the charge and the passing of sentence, Amnesty said, adding it had never heard of defence lawyers being permitted in such courts for political cases.

More than 300 drug traffickers and other criminals have been executed so far this year in Iran, often after unfair trials, Amnesty said.

Amnesty International said two leaders in the Middle East have taken "significant steps" toward abolition of the death penalty. It said Tunisia's President Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali has commuted all death sentences since coming to power in 1987 and told Amnesty, he is personally opposed to the death penalty. In March 1988 Libya's Col. Muammar Khaddafi called for the abolition of the death penalty and has also commuted death sentences.

US The death penalty in the United States appears arbitrary and racially biased in some cases and has been imposed on juveniles, the mentally ill and people whose guilt was strongly in doubt, Amnesty International says.

Amnesty said 25 US states, along with Barbados, are the only jurisdictions in the Americas that provide for the death penalty on persons aged under 18 at the time of the crime.

As of May 1, 1988, 2,048 prisoners were under sentence of death in 35 US states, three of them tried under military law, and from 1977 to May 31, 1988, 98 offenders were executed, among them two juveniles in Texas and one in South Carolina, it said.

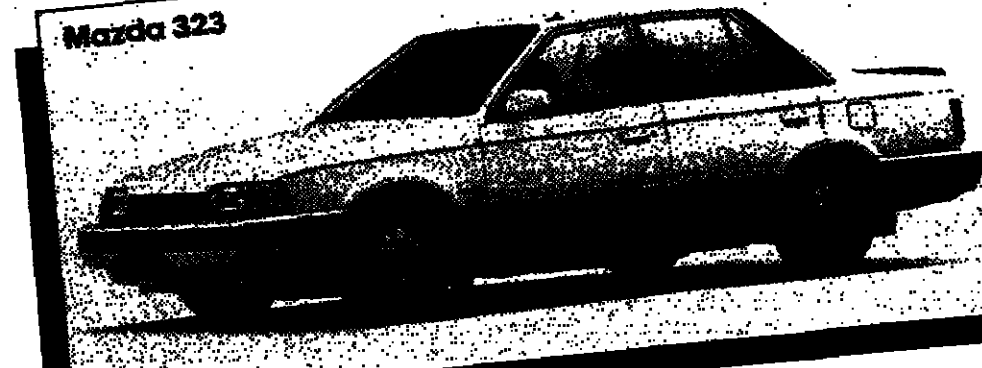
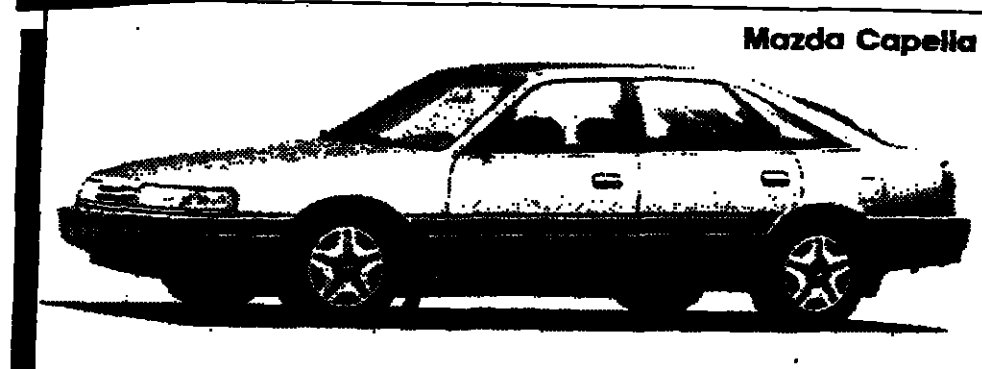
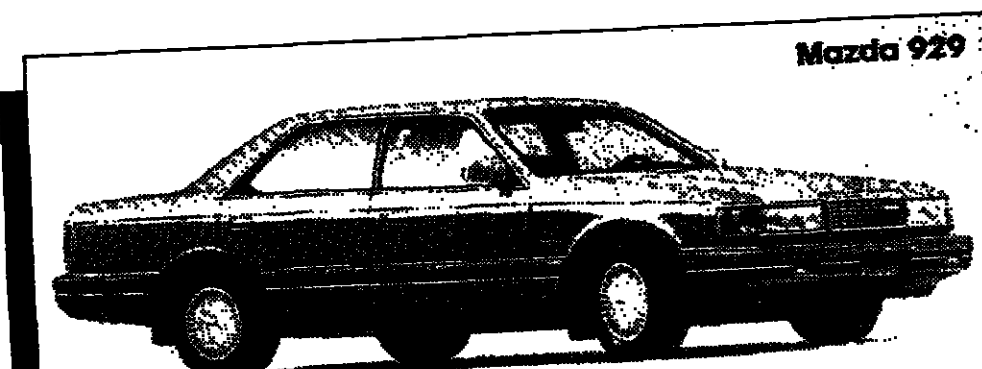
It said that blacks, who are 12 per cent of the population, comprise 41 per cent of prisoners under sentence of death.

Amnesty said that China had executed up to 30,000 people in a drive against crime in recent years, raising fears that some defendants may not receive a fair trial.

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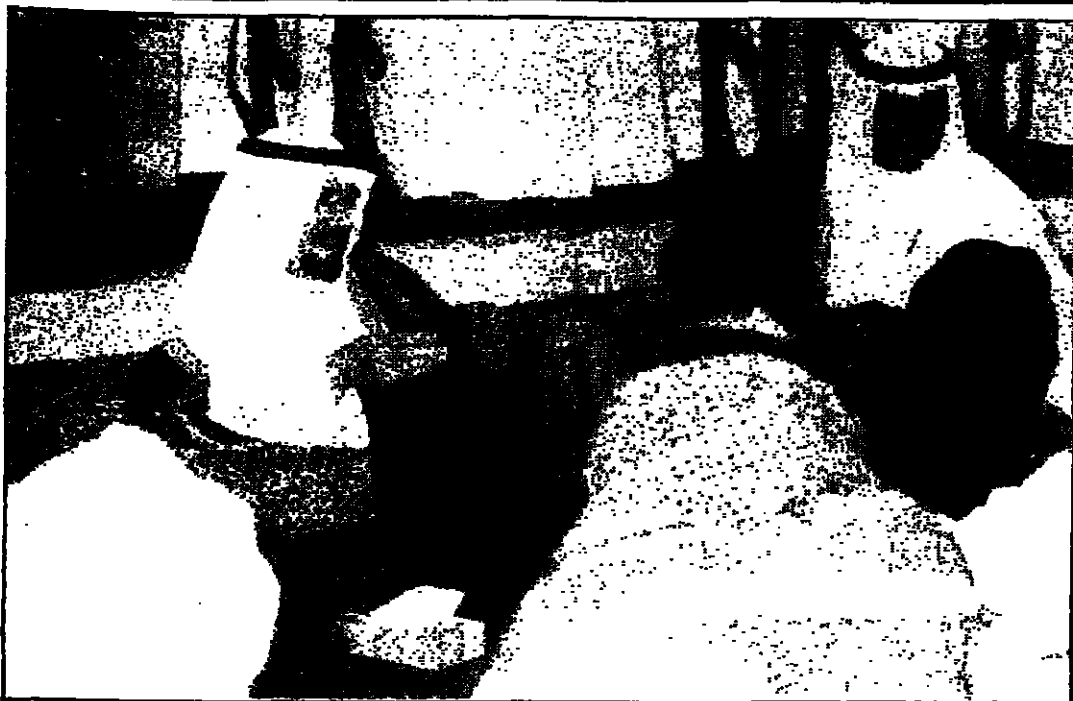


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### Amir visits poets

HH the Amir paid a visit on Monday night to Diwaniyat Sho'ara Al Nabat (the assembly for bedouin poets) where he was received by its chairman Sheikh Mashal Al Ahmed Al Jabber along with the members of the diwaniya.

During the visit, which falls in line with the regular Ramadan Amir visits, HH had cordial talks with those who were present at the diwaniya and listened to poems and witnessed traditional dances.

The Amir was accompanied by Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed, Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed, Sheikh Nasser Sabah Al Ahmed, Sheikh Ahmed Jabbar Al Ahmed, Sheikh Majed Jabbar Al Hmoud Al Jabbar and Information Undersecretary Abdul Aziz Jafar.

## Drugs not a major problem: Awadi

### Special committee to combat spread

KUWAIT'S Minister of Planning Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi was quoted as saying that addition to narcotics is not on the increase and does not constitute a major problem in Kuwait.

In an interview with a local daily, Awadi said that narcotics is the blight of the world at present and warned against the spread of the epidemic.

He confirmed that the formation of a higher committee by Kuwait's Higher Planning Council for eradicating the narcotic menace embodied Kuwait's awareness and represented Kuwait's readiness to combat

the spread of this abominable habit.

He added that "the government was planning to institute an apparatus for combating the problem by concentrating efforts to achieve the necessary protection for our home country from a blight that is currently threatening the world entirely."

The formation of a higher committee for combating drugs by the Higher Planning Council is aimed at determining the central point of view to achieve this objective.

The committee will be affiliated to the Ministry of the Interior and will group representatives from the ministries con-

cerned. A report about the terms of reference of this committee will be submitted to the Cabinet soon.

Meanwhile, Dr Awadi said it was unnecessary to keep the committee as an independent body as several authorities are involved in fighting this menace.

He called for co-operation between authorities and families to keep youth away from narcotics. No progress in this connection will be achieved in the absence of such co-operation, Awadi said.

He disclosed that the government is studying the possibility of establishing a new centre for treating the addicts.

## GCC agricultural sector attains output increase

THE agricultural sector in Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, UAE and Qatar achieved increased growth in 1987 compared to 1986.

In Kuwait, total local production of the agricultural sector in 1987 increased by 18 per cent compared to 1986.

A report published by the GCC general secretariat said that the Gulf states were highly concerned for agricultural produce and achieved expansions in livestock and other agricultural products. The report added that applying modern technological methods in the field of agriculture and converting smaller scale farms to bigger size commercial farms especially in Saudi Arabia which also has the advantage of huge government is the main reason of this expansion.

The total estimated unexploited agricultural lands in Kuwait was 8.6 in 1986, the report added. At other GCC states characterised by their small size, (except Saudi Arabia) have upgraded their agricultural capabilities.

The agriculture of grains, vegetables and fruits occupies

the first place of importance with regards to agricultural production at GCC states.

A big share of the agriculture production comes from Saudi Arabia because it has the largest cultivated land among GCC states. The vegetable production of Saudi Arabia reached 4.6 million tons in 1987 with an increase of 12.2 per cent over 1986.

Regarding the production of red meat (mutton) and chicken GCC states were able to achieve further development. In Kuwait mutton production in 1986 reached 1.9 thousand tons and chicken meat 29.7 thousand tons in the same period. Data for 1987 were not available yet. On the other hand, Saudi Arabia produced 122.2 thousand tons of mutton and 196.9 thousand tons of chicken meat in 1986.

Oman comes in first place in the production of fish. Its production reached 103 thousand tons in 1986. Kuwait, Qatar and Bahrain all together had a total production of 14 thousand tons of fish in the same year.

### Yemeni minister

KUWAIT, April 25, (KUNA): Yemen Arab Republic's Minister of Health Saeed Sharaf arrived here yesterday for a three-day official visit to the country.

He was greeted at the airport by his counterpart Abdul Razaq Yousif Al Abdul Razaq, the Yemeni ambassador to Kuwait and other senior officials from the Ministry of Health.

### Bahraini minister

KUWAIT, April 25, (KUNA): HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah received at his diwan at the Bayan Palace this afternoon Bahraini Minister of Development and Industry Youssef Al Shurawi on the occasion of his visit to the country.

The meeting was attended by Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa.

## CSC arranging summer jobs for Kuwaiti students

### 151 establishments approached

THE Undersecretary of Civil Service Commission Abdul Aziz Al Zaben has said that CSC sent letters to 151 government and non-government establishments to determine the possibilities of employing Kuwaiti students of the university and the Public Authority for Applied Educa-

tion during summer holidays. He added that CSC gave more concern to private establishments because most ministries do not need new employees.

The commission has received an offer to employ a total of 1035 students during summer from

public and private establishments.

"We are making contacts with university and authority to co-ordinate with them about employing students who want to work during summer," Zaben said. The registration will be considered according to priority of

applications and in keeping with several conditions to allow students to work during summer.

Students should not be registered in summer session and not expected to graduate in coming June. Students will be subjected to the system of training employees during summer work.

Students of scientific majors will get KD150 a month and other majors will get KD100 a month. A total of 21 students from Musical Studies Institute and the Theatrical Studies Institute will work at Ministries of Social Affairs and Information, Zaben said.

# Preparations on for next Five Year Plan

### Decree to be issued by July 1990

By Jamal Amin

DR ABDUL HADI Al Awadi, Undersecretary of Ministry of Planning and the General Co-ordinator of the Five Year Plan has said that seven planning committees were set up to supervise preparing and carrying out plans in the different sectors and to co-ordinate activities of each sector. These committees comprise heads of planning committee of the ministries, and establishments, national cadres and specialists at public and private sectors.

Dr Yacoub Al Sharrar heads the population and manpower resources development committee, Dr Farouk Al Omar heads the social and cultural development committee, Dr Youssef Al Awadi heads the economic development committee, Major General Mohammed Al Bader heads the security committee, Hamed Shueb heads the utilities and projects committee, Saud Al Mihalisen heads the administrative development committee and Dr Kazem Bebbani heads the information and strategic research committee, Awadi said.

Government authorities are going to send data and information relating to aims, policies and programmes including construction projects and programmes of evaluation of performance at the public sector to the Planning Ministry, the official said.

This information will be received by the ministry in accordance with a timetable of the Five Year Plan. The Five-Year-Plan

will be completed in December this year.

The present and next stage of the plan requires serious efforts from all public staff in order to make the required information available as soon as possible which will enable the Planning Ministry to study the contents and refer them to the relevant planning committee.

The ministry will organise ten seminars as of mid-May till mid-June to discuss different social and economic questions. The seminars aim at recommending specific policies to solve economic and social problems. The seminar will give special concern to participation of private sector in the development plan. The Planning Ministry will contact the relevant authorities to establish the planning awareness of the public. This can be achieved by the co-ordination and co-operation among some ministries that have direct relation with citizens such as Education Ministry, Information Ministry and newspapers.

The plan is intended to establish a Kuwaiti homogeneous Arabic and Islamic society in which Kuwaiti nationals are the essential power in development work. This will be achieved through Kuwaitisation and Arabisation of jobs, Awadi said.

The Planning Minister Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi headed a meeting of the planning committee recently. The meeting was held to evaluate the achievements of the present

Five-Year-Plan 85/1986-89/1990 and to explain the work procedures in preparing the coming plan. The planning committees will be responsible for evaluating achievements of the plan according to their specialisations.

Dr Awadi stressed on the importance of receiving the required information and data according to a preset timetable in order to refer them to the relevant committees. He added that Ministry of Planning set up work teams to co-operate with the planning committees at the ministries and other government bodies. These teams are:

- Population and manpower development team
- Commodities production sectors team
- Social services sectors team
- Commerce and Finance sectors team
- Basic structure sectors team
- Central services and external relations sectors team

The team will co-operate with the relevant committees in studying and analysing performance and problems that face these sectors. They will also submit proposals and aims they seek to achieve and the required policies and programmes, he said.

Commenting on the achievements of the ministry during the past period of preparing the Five Year Plan, Dr Awadi said that the ministry has had big achievements in this respect. It built a base for economic information that will be used to evaluate and analyse planning

policies and data. The ministry also conducts indepth studies to evaluate the situations and to submit proposals and strategies of the non-oil sector and in manpower resources, financial, energy, housing and construction sectors, he said.

The Undersecretary of Planning, said that ministry will benefit from all different committees in the state that are making studies in different development fields. It will also benefit from a study prepared by the Finance Ministry about the economic development in Kuwait which was made in co-operation with Public Investment Authority and KISR.

Several meetings will be held during the coming period for different committees in order to determine policies and programmes of each sector beside determining the required budgets. The development strategy of Kuwait focuses on the building of the Kuwaiti human being which is the basic aim.

The ministry will co-operate with other ministries and public authorities in order to raise reports on these works to the ministerial committee that is headed by the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed. The ministerial committee supervises preparation and execution of the Five Year Plan. The committee raises its recommendations and comments on the plan to the Council of Ministers that refers it to the Higher Planning Council.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Premier's audience

KUWAIT, April 25, (KUNA): HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah received at his Diwan at the Bayan Palace yesterday Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah, Higher Education Minister Dr Ali Al Shamlan, Education Minister Anwar Al Nouri and Justice and Legal Affairs Minister Dhari Al Othman.

HH also received head of the National Guard Sheikh Salem Al Ali, Director-General of the Public Housing Authority, Dr Ibrahim Al Shabin and members of the Higher Housing Council Hamed Abdul Salam Shuaib and Khaled Al Issa Al Saleh.

### Sheikh Saad praised

AMMAN, April 25, (KUNA): The Jordanian press yesterday hailed the brotherly stance of Kuwaiti Amir, government and people toward the regretful incidents that befell Jordan in the past few days.

The Jordanian papers highlighted statements of HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah on Kuwait's support and concern with stability in Jordan.

Sheikh Saad had expressed confidence, in an interview with a local Kuwaiti daily in the wisdom of King Hussein and the Jordanian government that would realise stability to Jordan. The Crown Prince also affirmed Kuwait's firm backing to Jordan.

Sheikh Saad reached Jordanian viceroy, Crown Prince Hassan during the incidents to inquire on the situation in Jordan.

### US envoy

KUWAIT, April 25, (KUNA): Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed yesterday received US Ambassador to Kuwait Wilson Nathaniel Howell.

Discussions during the meeting dealt with bilateral relations and developments of current Arab and international questions.

Sheikh Sabah also received board chairman of the Kuwait Airways Corporation Ahmad Al Mishari.

### Imam shortage

MINISTRY of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Undersecretary, Mohammad Al Hamdhan has said the ministry faces a big shortage of imams and muezzins (who call for prayers), due to the increase of mosques, resignations and retirements. This has led to the ministry bringing imams from other Arab countries, especially Egypt, he said.

Hamdhan welcomed qualified Kuwaitis who want to work in the ministry in different fields, especially as imams contracted by the ministry, he said.

Hamdhan added that the ministry has set up a committee for relief and support headed by the minister of awqaf. The committee is the authority which determines the required support and donations for Islamic organisations and establishments. These donations are collected from rich Kuwaitis, Zakat House, charitable societies and individuals, he said.

### Quranic art

AN art show was opened recently at Abdullah Al Salem art gallery, under the patronage of secretary-general of the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters Dr Farouk Al Omar.

The show contained 96 Quranic manuscripts, masterpieces collected from various parts of the world, written in different calligraphic styles, such as Kufi, Muskh, Thuluth and others.

The manuscripts were collected and photographed at the council's request by Iraqi artist Diya Al Izawi.

### Harvest show

KUWAIT, April 25, (KUNA): Head of the Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources Sheikh Ibrahim Al Duaij Al Sabah said yesterday that at the instructions of HH the Amir the wheat harvest operation will be recorded by television this week.

### W.German envoy

KUWAIT, April 25, (KUNA): Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed yesterday received West German Ambassador to Kuwait Bernd Wulffen.

### Food poisoning case

## Two soldiers suspended

TWO soldiers working at the restaurant of the National Guard were suspended according to the Assistant Director of the Military Authority for Public Affairs at National Guards Command, Lieutenant Colonel Hussain Al Hawaj.

In an interview with a local daily Hawaj said that the suspension of these two soldiers was in accordance with the decision of the medical committee which has been formed for investigating and defining the reasons behind the recent 73 poisoning cases at

the training school of the Kuwait National Guard.

The committee decided to suspend the two after discovering that one of them was suffering from unhealed burns while the other was suffering from acne.

In the meantime, the official has ruled out that the two were in any way responsible for the poisoning cases. The breakfast meals which caused the poisoning had been distributed to all the National Guards unit but nobody has been affected except the soldiers of the training

school. However, all the affected personnel had recovered and resumed their work.

In a related development, an official source at the Ministry of Public Health was quoted as saying that at the ministry is still striving to determine the reasons of the poisoning cases which occurred recently at the National Guard.

In an interview with a local daily, the official said that the findings of the committee will be completed within the next few days.

### Deformities in Bahraini babies

MANAMA, April 25, (GNA): According to a statistical study released here by a number of doctors at the Bahraini Ministry of Health, the percentage of fetal deformities among children in the country is 1.2 per cent, which is considered normal when compared to 0.5 per cent international percentage range.

The study points out that deformities reported in the nervous system are 1.5 per thousand, which is far less than the 4 to 8 per thousand being recorded in Great Britain.

The study indicates that the majority of deformities among Bahraini babies are in the muscles and bones, reaching 2.8 per thousand, followed by deformities of the urinary and reproductive systems at 2.5 per thousand.

The study revealed that the percentage of mongolism is 5.9 per thousand, an increase since the 1980 total of 14.

The study also said that in 1987 a total of 26 babies were born with this deformity.

## Intifada donation drive

KUWAIT, April 25, (KUNA): Dozens of Arab women last night donated a big quantity of jewels in a ceremony to support the Palestinian Intifada.

Secretary of the Palestine National Fund Khairuddin Abul Jeben said today that the supervising committee had also received cash donations.

He noted that the General Union of Palestinian women's headquarters in Jabriya, Fahaheel and Farwaniya will continue receiving donations until end of April.

The committee was formed at a decision recently adopted by the Palestinian Central Council, a liaison body between the PLO's executive committee and the Palestine National Council, during its latest meeting in Tunisia.

Abul Jeben told KUNA that the Palestinian trade unions will organise jewel collection campaigns from its members to reflect solidarity with the Palestinian people who have been suffering for the past 17 months from constant Israeli repression.

## Cabinet allocates KD50 million for expropriation

THE Kuwaiti cabinet has decided to allocate a sum of KD50 million for expropriation purposes with the draft budget of fiscal year 1989/1990 a local daily reported.

It added that the expropriation process will begin after the month of July and was aiming at liquidating some real estate which had been named for expropriation in the framework of the execution of some urgent projects in some areas.

Apart from the above, the process aims at the reactivating of the market by floating such an amount in the framework of other measures to be taken in co-operation between the government and the Chamber of Commerce and Industry for enhancing the economic activities of the country.

Meanwhile, the daily learnt the cabinet had passed a proposal for the allocation of a sum of KD500 million for the handling of the expropriation processes.

### Road accidents

FIVE people were injured in a total of 13 road accidents which took place in different parts of the country Saturday.

## Diversification of education vital: Khalifee

THE Higher Education Council discussed the diversification of secondary education which it considers as vital to society, Dr Ibrahim Al Khalifee, general secretary of the council said.

The council reviewed its accomplishments, future plans and the report presented by the educational objectives and policies committee. It further completed all general education objectives in various specialisations. The council also discussed

a report presented by the executive office for outstanding students.

### Session

The issue on diversification of secondary education occupied the council's major share of time during its session held two days ago. This important issue is linked with more than one aspect of the educational process, Dr Khalifee said.

Discussions on diversification of secondary education were based on a working paper presented by the general director of the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training, Dr Abdul Rahman Al Mhailan.

The paper highlighted and elucidated the importance of the issue by providing a detailed study and requisites, both current and future in relation to population densities in various areas.

## Iranian deputy premier marks Gulf Environmental Day

TEHRAN, April 25, (OPECNA): Iranian Deputy Premier Dr Hadi Manafi stressed here yesterday that his country placed special importance on protecting the environment, particularly in Gulf waters.

Manafi, who is head of the Organisation for Environmental Protection, said in a message marking the region's Environmental Day that reported deaths among dolphins, fish, turtles and sea cows in Gulf waters has been a cause for concern.

The region, he said, had been affected by oil exploration and exploitation operations, increased traffic, agriculture and coastal construction as well as by damage to oil installations during the six-year Gulf conflict.

He pointed out that last year's capping of the leaking oil wells had helped the situation while a vigorous campaign had also been launched

to clear the waters of mines and sunken ships.

Manafi said that any economic and social development of the region or exploitation of its marine resources should be carried out with special attention to both the environment and human life.

An accord in April 1980 by Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Oman and Bahrain, pledged protection for marine life and the region's environment.

Manafi's remarks follow a recent call for co-operation among Gulf states on environmental protection by Dr Badriyah Al Awadi, deputy executive secretary general of the Regional Organisation for the Protection of the Marine Environment (ROPME).

Awadi stressed that Gulf waters were free from any toxic wastes and that the region's international sea lanes were safe for navigation.

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INTERNATIONAL/MIDEAST

# Idiotic: Bush Rumour of North pardon denied

ABOARD AIR FORCE ONE, April 25, (AP) President George Bush said yesterday he has not talked with anyone about whether he would pardon White House aide Oliver North and that any suggestions about what he'll do are "stupid" and "idiotic".

Bush said he has not had any conversations, direct or indirect, about whether he would pardon North, who is awaiting a verdict from jurors on charges stemming from the diversion of Iran arms sales profits to the Nicaraguan Contras.

The President made the comments in a question-and-answer session with five reporters accompanying him on a flight from Virginia to Chicago.

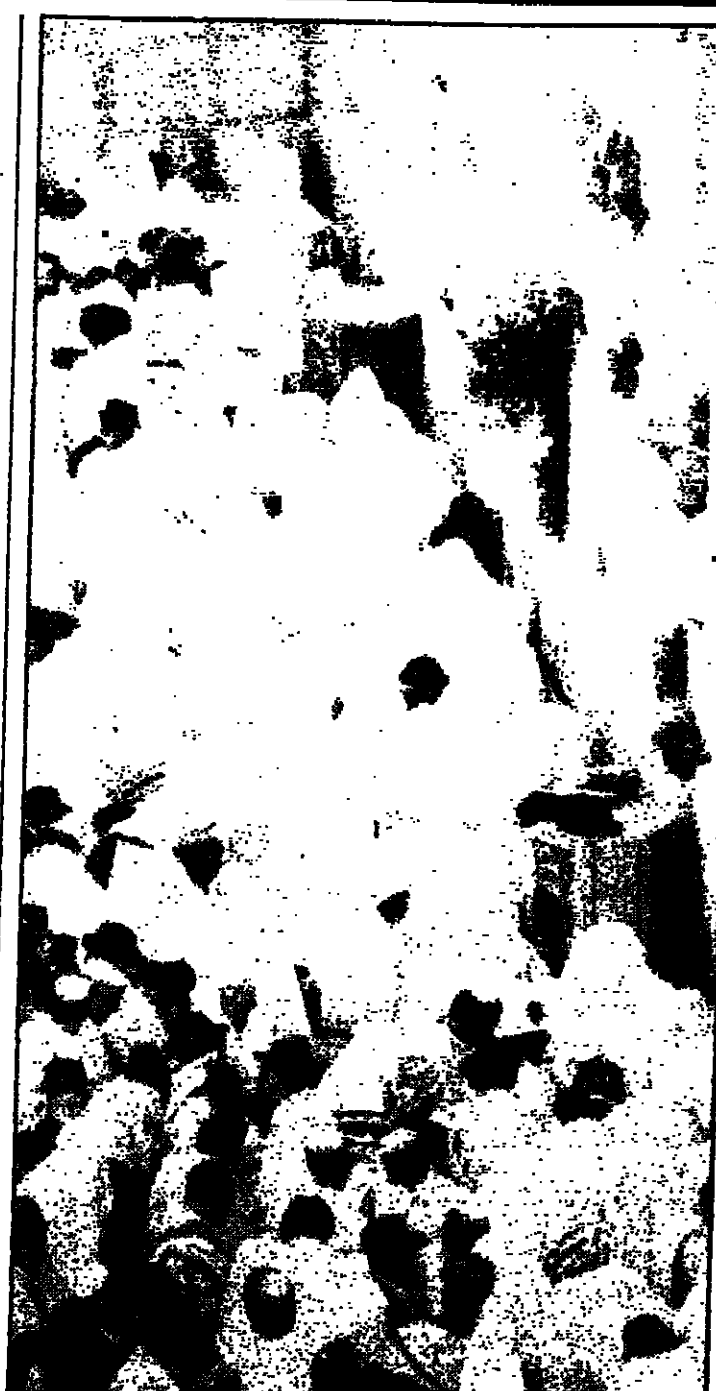
In the past, Bush has called North a hero and said he hoped North would be acquitted.

He was asked about a report in Newsweek magazine quoting sources close to him as predicting he would never pardon North, one-time aide on the National Security Council in Ronald Reagan's White House.

"That's interesting speculation," Bush said. "It shows how stupid some reports are because that matter has never been discussed with me by anybody, including my wife."

"It shows you how idiotic speculation is. If it was given any credence as having come from me or as if somebody had discussed it with me, they simply haven't," he said.

One of the jurors deliberating Iran-Contra charges against North has high blood pressure and will be examined by a doctor, the trial judge said.



**Passover**  
Ultra-orthodox Jews flock to the Western Wall today to pray during the Passover holiday. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Bush vows to seek release of hostages

US reviewing arms control policy

CHICAGO, April 25, (Agencies) President Bush promised yesterday the United States would do whatever it could to help free nine Americans still held hostage in Lebanon.

The President, on the second stop of a four-day swing across the US departed from his prepared speech at the American Newspaper Publishers Association convention to bring up the plight of the hostages held by Muslim radicals.

He specifically mentioned Associated Press Middle East bureau chief Terry Anderson, who has been held four years, longest of the captives.

"I just want to say without being able to give you any good news that we are concerned, we will follow every intelligence lead, we will go the extra mile to do what we can," Bush said.

The US turned to a policy of giving no concessions after the Reagan administration was embarrassed in November 1986 by revelations it had sold weapons to Iran in exchange for the release of some hostages.

Officials say different factions hold the nine American hostages, all of whom were seized in Lebanon, but they are elements of the umbrella group, Hezbollah, over which Iran exhibits control. The US has called for the unconditional release of all hostages before it will talk with Iran.

Bush seems eager to look the "long road ahead" as he rounds out 100 days in office, pledging to use the next several weeks to complete a detailed foreign policy review, draft environmental legislation and intensify his war on drugs.

Bush summarized his first 100 days in office — which end on Saturday — by saying he is "off

# Kabul warns Pak of retaliation

Soviets bombing rebel positions

UNITED NATIONS, April 25, (Agencies) Afghan Foreign Minister Abdul Wakil has threatened that the Kabul government would retaliate against Pakistan if it does not stop supporting Afghan rebels.

"If the Security Council fails to adopt necessary measures for defusing the present tense situation," Wakil told the council, "and if Pakistani aggression and intervention against our country is continued, we will have no choice but the firm and patriotic defence of our country."

Wakil, in a 90-minute speech to the Security Council, said the Pakistani side must understand that its territory was as vulnerable to rocket attacks as Afghanistan, bombarded by rockets transported across the Afghan-Pakistan border.

Government forces in Afghanistan have been the target of increasing rocket attacks by Muslim rebels, trained and armed by Pakistan and assisted by Pakistani intelligence, militia and other forces, he said.

Pakistan denies the charges.

The meeting was adjourned until tomorrow morning after Wakil addressed the council for the second time in two weeks during debate on a complaint by Afghanistan.

The Kabul government, the Soviet Union and their friends say that Pakistan is violating the UN-mediated Afghanistan agreements which provided for the withdrawal of Soviet troops and the non-interference by Afghanistan and Pakistan in each other's internal affairs.

Afghanistan and the Soviet

Union have called for more UN border checkpoints to reduce the flow of arms into Afghanistan.

Wakil charged that the current assault on the Afghan city of Jalalabad by Muslim rebels was being organized, armed and financed by Pakistan's Inter Services Intelligence, with help from the US Central Intelligence Agency.

President Najibullah of Afghanistan in remarks published today also warned that Pakistan would not be safe if it continued to interfere in his country's internal affairs.

The Afghan leader also held Islamabad responsible for the current tense situation between the two neighbours.

If the interferences and aggressions continue, and Pakistan does not adhere to its obligations according to the Geneva accords, there will be no guarantees that the flames of this war will not also engulf those who pour oil on the fire," Najibullah told a Kuwaiti daily, in an interview conducted with him in Kabul.

"In this case, responsibility will lie with Pakistan's military circles," he said.

At least 58 people have died in the latest battle between Muslim rebels besieging Jalalabad and Afghan Army units defending the strategic city, the Kabul government said yesterday.

An additional 32 people have died elsewhere in fighting between the rebels and Afghan armed forces, said Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammad Nabi Amani.

**Threat to halt trade**  
Bonn helps Iraq make missiles, says Iran

NICOSIA, April 25, (AP) Iran threatened yesterday to cut its trade links with West Germany, accusing it of supplying Iraq with the technology to build long-range missiles and chemical weapons, the official Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) reported.

The agency, monitored in Nicosia, said the Iranian Foreign Ministry summoned West German Charge d'Affaires Thomas Troemel to deliver a strongly worded protest.

IRNA reported that the ministry warned the West Germans that "it may lower trade relations ... because the Bonn government has been helping ... Iraq manufacture missiles and internationally banned chemical weapons."

Troemel replied that West Germany "means to maintain amicable relations with the Islamic Republic of Iran," the agency said.

Iraq used missiles effectively during the eight year Gulf war against Iran.

# PLO has a role in peace process: Italy

Shamir calls for more settlements

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, April 25, (Agencies) Italian Prime Minister Ciriaco de Mita yesterday urged Israel to begin a dialogue with the PLO and show courage in pursuing peace with the Palestinians.

Speaking at a press conference towards the end of his 48-hour visit to Israel, de Mita praised the United States for starting talks with the PLO.

"The new element (in the Middle East) is the United States' de facto recognition of the PLO," de Mita said.

"What happened between the PLO and the United States, I hope it happens between the PLO and Israel," he said.

At an earlier luncheon meeting with Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens, de Mita said world opinion has come "to see as a political and recognised reference point the PLO."

"This is a fact, and neglecting this fact risks not helping us in seeking and finding a solution," he said.

De Mita said Italy was committed to Israel's security as well as understood Israel's security concerns, but added that "it is not a real problem. It is best guaranteed by the solidarity of the people in the world, rather than by your fear."

Arens was asked later if the PLO could be a partner in peace talks with Israel, and he replied: "The answer is no."

In a talk with reporters, de Mita indicated the two sides had sharp differences of opinion over the issue of PLO participation in peace talks, saying he made it clear to Israeli officials that Italy sees the PLO as an essential partner to negotiations.

Arens ruled out any mediation role of Italy or Europe, but called on Italy to back Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's plan for elections in the occupied territories. He said almost daily attacks on Palestinians who allegedly collaborate with Israel show the PLO should not be encouraged.

The luncheon was held after de Mita met with Palestinians from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip who urged Italy to play a role in the peace process and urge Israel to reopen Palestinian schools that have been closed for months.

The Palestinians told de Mita they would agree to elections as a first step to a Palestinian state.

The ten activists, who met de Mita, later hinted to reporters they might rethink their rejection of elections under Israeli occupation, provided a subsequent troop withdrawal was agreed in advance.

Arens will visit the United States in mid-May to discuss details of Shamir's plan to hold Palestinian elections in the occupied territories, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said today.

The Soviet Union supports the PLO in its rejection of elections in the West Bank and Gaza Strip under Israeli occupation, the PLO news agency Wafa said today.

Shamir visited the occupied West Bank yesterday and called for continued Jewish settlement in the region.

Speaking at the dedication of a new archaeological park aimed at luring more tourists to the West Bank, Shamir emphasised the need for national unity and said Israelis would settle in all regions where Jews once lived.

PLO leader Yasser Arafat has told his aides to criticise the United States for its bias toward Israel and drop their praise for Washington's agreement to talk directly to the PLO, a UAE daily said today.

President Chaim Herzog will pay the first visit to Canada by an Israeli head of state in late June, the Foreign Ministry said yesterday.



Italian Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti (right) follows Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij as they leave a meeting attended by Italian Prime Minister Ciriaco de Mita, Andreotti and 10 prominent Palestinians from the occupied territories. (Reuters wirephoto)

Upsurge in W. Bank violence

# US concerned

WASHINGTON, April 25, (Reuters) The United States expressed concern yesterday about an upsurge of violence in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Officials also insisted that elections in the territories — the central focus of the Bush administration's new peace strategy — would have to be fair. They downplayed Israeli conditions for such polls that Palestinians find unacceptable.

Following three days of heavy Palestinian casualties, State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler said: "We are deeply concerned over the increase in casualties which have occurred in the course of violent demonstrations between Palestinians and the Israeli defence forces in the occupied territories over the past several days."

Asserting the "increase in tension... runs directly counter to the cause of peace," she strongly urged restraint by all sides and refused to blame either side.

"We remain determined to work with all parties to break out of the current confrontation and to replace violence with political dialogue and accommodation," she said.

President George Bush, in his first foray into Middle East diplomacy, received Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir this month and, just last week, Jordan's King Hussein to discuss regional peace efforts.

# Stiff Iranian stance blamed for deadlock

BAGHDAD, April 25, (Agencies) Iraqi Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz said last night that the Iranian side had not altered its stance in the fourth round of the Iraqi-Iranian peace talks that ended in Geneva yesterday.

The Iran-Iraq peace negotiations were suspended in Geneva on Sunday night after four days of talks with no progress made to break the deadlock in the eight month of talks.

Aziz was quoted as saying to Iraqi News Agency upon his arrival here last night that observers who are following the Iraqi-Iranian peace negotiations can witness that the stiff Iranian stance is a result of internal

# MIDEAST BRIEFS

Falls to death

CAIRO, Egypt, April 25, (AP) A young British man fell to his death after he illegally climbed the great pyramid, then dived off and tumbled from its summit, the British embassy and police said yesterday.

An officer at Giza police station, in charge of pyramids plateau, gave the victim's name as Peter Harold Flangan, 21.

The Satanic Verses

PARIS, April 25, (AP) A French writer and intellectual has published a pirated translation of "The Satanic Verses" and said yesterday he will hand deliver a copy of the controversial book to the Iranian embassy today afternoon.

"Death threats, I couldn't care less," said writer Jean-Ernest Halperin at a news conference yesterday. "We don't ask for protection, we are defenseless intellectuals, joyfully oblivious."

Mistaken shooting

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, April 25, (AP) Israeli soldiers in South Lebanon mistakenly opened fire on a convoy of cars from an Israeli-allied militia, and a military source said yesterday that militia commander Gen. Antoine Lahd was almost killed.

The shooting occurred Sunday night when a convoy of south Lebanon Army cars driving at high speed neared an Israeli Army patrol in Israel's security zone above the Israeli border, an Army spokeswoman said on condition of anonymity.

Court convicts

ANKARA, Turkey, April 25, (AP) A court yesterday convicted the premier's office of defaming the former armed forces chief of staff in an intelligence report that alleged he had an affair with a singer.

The state administrative court ordered the office to pay damages of 40 million liras (\$19,400) to Gen. Necdet Uygur.

Bodies found

ANKARA, Turkey, April 25, (AP) The bodies of four men believed to be Kurdish guerrillas killed in clashes with Turkish security forces were found in a riverbed in the southeastern city of Siirt, a prosecutor said yesterday.

# Syria masses more troops

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days ago.

The 15-member UN Security Council's sentiments, expressed in a statement by its president this month, Soviet Ambassador Aleksandr Belonogov, bowed to Arab desires to take the lead in mediation efforts for the time being.

"At this moment the political role is for the Arab League, and I think that the United Nations indicates that it wants the Arab League to be the vanguard of all efforts to bring about the resolution of the conflict in Lebanon," said the League's Ambassador, Clovis Maksoud.

"I think that it is the primary responsibility of the Arab League, backed by the international community, as indicated in the statement today," he said.

Foreign ministers of the 22-member Arab League were to meet in an emergency session in Tunis, tomorrow to find ways to end the violence. Three attempts at ceasefires arranged by the League have collapsed.

An Arab League committee will recommend during the meeting that the group send a multi-Arab observer force to monitor a ceasefire, said Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed.

Sheikh Sabah told the Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) before his departure for Tunis today that he welcomed the United Nations Security Council's renewed appeal for a ceasefire in Lebanon and the Arab League efforts to resolve the crisis.

"What is needed is that the security situation settle down and stabilise in Lebanon and afterwards everything will happen naturally," KUNA quoted him as saying.

Clovis Maksoud, the Arab League representative at the United Nations in New York, said the mediation committee's peace plan calls for a round-table conference of Lebanese factions, either in Tunis or Kuwait, once a ceasefire is in place.

# Western leaders at odds

Modernising short-range missiles

LONDON, April 25, (AP) NATO Secretary-General Manfred Woerner yesterday said that the alliance must update its arsenal and suggested that West German resistance to modernising short-range missiles might be overcome by compromise.

Meanwhile, a British official said US President George Bush telephoned Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher on Saturday for a 20-minute discussion. They discussed the different positions being taken on modernisation by members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, he said.

Bush telephoned one day after the West German government urged early negotiations between the superpowers on eliminating

short-range nuclear missiles, according to the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

West Germany urged short-range missiles negotiations after NATO's nuclear planning group, meeting in Brussels, agreed to a delayed modernisation.

In a swift follow-up, West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher and Defence Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg flew to Washington yesterday for talks with US officials.

A spokesman at Thatcher's office gave no details of her conversation with Bush, but said the two leaders "concentrated on the short-range missile issue." He

said Bush initiated the call.

Woerner, addressing luncheon given by the Association of American Correspondents in London, said NATO's "nuclear and conventional weapons have to be kept up to date."

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# Jail term for arson attack

KHARTOUM, April 25, (AP) A criminal court yesterday jailed for two months a Muslim cleric who allegedly led a weekend arson attack on a Roman Catholic relief centre.

The criminal court at Omdurman, Khartoum's twin city across the Nile river, issued the sentence after convicting the preacher, or imam, of public disorder.

Last Friday, the imam told Muslims praying in his mosque that they had become weak. He cited as proof the presence nearby of a relief centre run by the Missionaries of Charity, a mission for the poor founded by Nobel prize laureate Mother Teresa.

# 1,500 detained in Egyptian crackdown on extremists

CAIRO, April 25, (Reuters) Egyptian authorities have arrested some 1,500 alleged Muslim militants in a two-week nation-wide crackdown on extremist agitations, security sources said yesterday.

"The hunt for more extremists will continue. The aim of these arrests is to abort any attempt now or in the future to foment trouble in the country," one source said.

Interior Minister Zaki Badr said he had ordered a probe by security authorities to determine whether there was foreign involvement in a recent wave of anti-government activity.

Badr, whose remarks were carried by the Middle East News Agency, did not elaborate. He has in the past, however, accused Libya and Iran of fomenting trouble in Egypt.

He told guests at a banquet at Cairo's Police Academy on Sunday night: "These extremist groups are fuelling religious strife in the country and they must be met with force. We will meet violence with violence."

The latest arrests followed a clash on April 7 between Muslim zealots and police in the oasis town of Fayoum southwest of Cairo, the security sources said. Eight people, including the town's local police chief, were wounded in the clash.

Egypt's Muslim militants have for years been campaigning for an Islamic society based on Islamic sharia laws.

They have recently used the country's economic troubles in their argument that only sharia could save Egypt from total economic collapse and social chaos.



## ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

BELIEF in progress is a lazy man's creed ... It is the individual counting on his neighbours to perform his task for him. — Charles Baudelaire, French poet, 1821-1867.

## OPINION

### Aoun's strength

PEOPLE who undervalue the real power and strength of the head of the military government in Lebanon Michel Aoun, are totally mistaken.

Aoun is the real president that the Lebanese people want as he has proved that he is the king of all the Lebanese people by following no sectarian policies.

Furthermore, he is not an individual who will deal with the devil for extricating his country from its crisis.

Till now, Aoun has proved that he is capable of resisting his opponents. Continuing to be in power during this crucial period is indeed ample evidence of this fact. For this to have been achieved, he must have had the staunch support of the Lebanese people — whether this be overt or covert.

The majority of the Lebanese people who support Aoun are bearing most of the destruction during the current war raging in Beirut. It is said that there are some in the opposition that are providing covert support.

As an analogy, the United States suffered from this very dilemma in Vietnam — they never knew who of the Vietnamese supported them and who did not. The majority of the Vietnamese wanted the Americans to withdraw.

In the case of the Lebanese, all want their country independent. They may be "masking" some of their wishes and sympathies, but it all goes in Aoun's support. Aoun desires that be Lebanon free and independent and the Lebanese can by themselves achieve harmony among their various sects.

Suffice it to say that Aoun has never shown any favour to his own sect, he has never dealt with Israel, he is not a racist — he is a true Lebanese. All he wants is that Lebanon be free. This is perhaps the secret of his strength that his opponents must see before they fight him.

Like the Americans learnt in Vietnam, others will learn that it is a foolish policy to fight those without ascertaining who is in favour and who is against.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

### Kohl under threat

Local elections setback

By Richard Williams

BONN, (Reuters): Three months ago Franz Schoenhuber's Republican Party was a small right-wing group clinging to the fringe of West German political life.

But after a remarkable breakthrough in local elections, the Republicans are poised to leap into national politics and their success could cost Chancellor Helmut Kohl's centre-right coalition its majority in the next federal poll.

The Republicans took 7.5 per cent of the vote in elections to West Berlin's state parliament on Jan 29 after a campaign marked by anti-foreigner sentiment and nationalism, taking thousands of disillusioned voters from Kohl's Christian Democrats (CDU).

It was the best result posted by a far-right party in West Germany in 20 years.

Six weeks later the Republicans and other right-wing groups performed well in municipal elections in Hesse state. If the opinion polls are to be believed, the Republicans will take around seven per cent of the vote in elections for the European parliament in June.

"Until the returns started to come in on the night of the West Berlin election we were regarded by respected newspapers as conservative nationalists, right-wing conservatives," Schoenhuber, a 66-year-old former SS soldier, told journalists this month at the launch of the Republicans' campaign for the European elections.

"Now we've won 11 seats in the West Berlin parliament we've suddenly become right-wing radicals, extremists and a danger to the existing order."

Schoenhuber, a former Bavarian television journalist who lost his job after writing a book glorifying the armed divisions of the SS, argues that many of his followers are fed up with having to feel guilty about being German because of the Nazi past.

"I joined the Waffen SS of my own free will at 18-1/2 years of age. Do you want to hear from a man of 66 that he was damned for life at 18? We could not know at 18 that the Nazi state was an unlawful state whose racist and anti-semitic tendencies led to the greatest catastrophe in German history."

Schoenhuber says his party stands for a "democratically purified patriotism" freed from the shadow of the Third Reich.

Political analysts say that public concern about a large influx of foreigners seeking political asylum in West Germany, placing further strains on an already stretched housing and job market, has been the major reason for the Republicans' success.

Some 103,000 foreigners, mostly from Eastern Europe and the developing world, applied for asylum in 1998.

Only about nine per cent were granted asylum as genuine victims of political persecution but deportations are rare among those whose applications fail.

"A large number, especially in Bavaria, of those in centres for asylum seekers are drug dealers or people who frequently get into trouble with the law," according to Schoenhuber, who wants tough controls to stem their number.

### TODAY IN HISTORY

1607 — An expedition of English colonists, including Capt. John Smith, went ashore at Cape Henry, Va., to establish the first permanent English settlement in the new world.

1785 — The American naturalist and artist John James Audubon was born in Haiti 1865.

1865 — John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of President Abraham Lincoln, was surrounded by federal troops near Bowling Green, Va., and killed.

1900 — Seismologist Charles Richter, who devised the earthquake-measuring scale that bears his name, was born in Hamilton, Ohio.

1937 — Planes from Nazi Germany raided the Basque town of Guernica during the Spanish civil war.

1964 — The African nations of Tanganyika and Zanzibar merged to form Tanzania.

1968 — The United States exploded beneath the Nevada desert a 1-megaton nuclear device called "Boxcar."

1980 — Iran announced the American hostages had been taken from the US embassy and would be scattered among different cities and towns to thwart any future attempts to rescue them.

1983 — A national commission released a scathing report on the state of American education, calling for sweeping measures to combat what it called "a rising tide of mediocrity" in schools.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed above 1,200 points for the first time.

1986 — The worst nuclear accident in history occurred at the Chernobyl plant in the Soviet Union as an explosion and fire sent radioactivity into the atmosphere. At least 31 Soviets died as a direct result.

Bush nearing 100 days in office

## Plodding along just fine

By Michael Gelb

WASHINGTON, (Reuters): George Bush, nearing the 100-day mark of his presidency, seems to be tailoring his administration according to the folk saying "if it ain't broke, don't fix it."

"We're not looking for wrenching change," said one White House aide privately. "The American people elected George Bush because they liked the direction America was going."

White House officials say that with unemployment at a 15-year low and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev seemingly intent on reducing international tension to concentrate on reform at home there is no reason for Bush to rock the boat.

"Most administrations have had to wrestle with threats to peace or the economy or both," said White House communications director David Demarest. "Right now, we're less in a period of threat than of opportunity on the international side. And the economy is nearing seven straight years of growth."

Compared with other recent US presidents, who have swept into office with a barrage of initiatives designed to let the world know they have arrived, Bush has entered plodding in the footsteps of Ronald Reagan, who retired last January after eight years at the helm.

Lyndon Johnson declared a "war on poverty"

and John Kennedy boldly announced that 'the torch has been passed to a new generation.' Bush has spoken of limited resources and the need to allocate them differently.

"Our funds are low," Bush said in his inaugural address. "We will make the hard choices ... based on honest need and prudent safety."

Bush says the 100-day standard, inspired by the first three months of Franklin Roosevelt's presidency when Congress approved major new programmes almost daily in response to the great depression, is inappropriate because he took office after eight years of peace and prosperity.

He was also vice-president to one of the most popular US leaders in history.

"We didn't come in here throwing the rascals out to try to do something — correct all the ills of the world in 100 days," the 64-year-old Bush told reporters as he reflected on his first three months in office.

White House officials say the relative calm has given Bush a unique chance to step back for a long-term look.

"What you're seeing is the willingness to take the time to make sure what is done is the right thing to do to solve the problem, rather than something that looks good in the short term," said White House chief of staff John Sununu.

Bush's critics say his style shows uncertainty. To some, his insistence on lengthy

policy reviews before laying out his views on foreign matters suggests a lack of imagination that will hamper his efforts to respond to Gorbachev's shake-up of the Soviet system and reform movements in Eastern Europe.

Critics also cite a lack of specific accomplishments and substance.

A New York Times/CBS news poll suggests voters are in two minds about Bush with 61 per cent approving of his performance but only 28 per cent saying he is working hard to solve the problems that concern them most.

Bush and his advisers say the critics — looking for the sort of razzle-dazzle that grabs headlines — have ignored a number of initiatives that promise long-term results.

They cite his proposal to shore up the country's troubled savings and loan industry, an outline for easing the debt burden of Third World countries, and compromises with Congress that produced bipartisan deals on a budget and on US aid for Nicaragua's Contra rebels.

Even Bush's political foes say he deserves credit for a mood of well-being that, for now, has replaced the acrimony that marked relations between Congress and the White House for more than two decades.

"Co-operation is more important for the function of this government than sending up a lot of quick bills to Congress and announcing a lot of initiatives," said House of Representatives Democratic leader Thomas Foley.

Big obstacles remain

## Middle East will pose challenge to Bush administration

By Gene Gibbons

WASHINGTON, (Reuters): President George Bush, buoyed by a round of talks with key Middle East leaders, sees a ray of hope for peace in the region but big obstacles remain.

"We've got some pretty healthy political discussion going on," said a State Department Middle East policy planner.

The official, who asked not to be identified, referred to the president's meetings with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir of Israel and Jordan's King Hus-

sein, as well as the new US dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

Bush told reporters that Shamir's proposal for elections in the occupied territories, where a Palestinian uprising shows no sign of abating, "offers some promise" of advancing the Middle East peace process.

But outside experts said the next phase of Bush's step-by-step peacemaking approach — fleshing out the proposal — will pose a real challenge for the US administration.

"There are several differences between the United States and Israel and they are critical differences that have to be addressed," said Fred Axlegard, an

analyst at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies, a private think-tank.

The proposal calls for elections to select Palestinians to work out arrangements with Israel for limited self-government in the occupied territories.

After an undefined transition period when the Palestinians would run their own affairs under Israeli military control, it envisions negotiations on the core issue, — a permanent solution of the Palestinian problem.

Although Shamir attached a number of strings to the plan, Mubarak and Hussein have given it qualified backing and US

officials said even the PLO had not slammed the door.

PLO leader Yasser Arafat has said that he would accept internationally supervised elections on the West Bank before a complete Israeli withdrawal, but only if they were part of a package that led to complete Palestinian self-determination.

"The election (is) not (to be) followed by negotiations. The election is a part of exercising of our people for their self-determination," Arafat said in a televised interview.

"The question now is can the Israelis be moved to accept conditions for such elections and negotiations to make the

proposal a practical one?"

Robert Neumann, a former American ambassador to Saudi Arabia, said in an interview.

While Neumann estimated that there was only a one-in-five chance the election plan would succeed, he applauded the administration's determination to explore it.

"It is the function of diplomacy to explore every avenue and I think the President is right to look into it," he said.

"When asked how he would follow up on his discussions with Mubarak, Hussein and Shamir, Bush said he planned to talk to more Middle Eastern leaders. US officials said backstage

diplomacy would first clarify the Israeli plan.

"We want to know what kind of elections would be held, how they would be linked to negotiations, who would participate and how they would be supervised," one policymaker said.

He said no deadline had been set but independent analysts said Bush probably had only until mid-summer before he had to decide on his next move.

They said the US effort to move the peace process along had to show some results fairly soon to stave off pressure on Arafat from the PLO's extremist wing to abandon the diplomatic track.

## Mubarak sharpens his profile

'Real beginning of second term'

By Jeffrey Bartholet

CAIRO: Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has sharpened his profile by abruptly replacing his powerful defence minister.

A week after he took the decision, Egyptian and Western analysts still had no solid information on Mubarak's motives.

But several agreed that he had increased his personal power at a time when Egypt badly needed decisive leadership to overcome serious economic problems.

"It seems he is decisive, taking a big decision. Some people think this is the real beginning of Mubarak's second term."

Mubarak inherited office in 1981 when, as vice-president, he saw Anwar Sadat shot dead by Muslim extremists at a military parade. He was re-elected in 1987 to a second six-year term.

Mubarak has denied several rumours about Abu Ghazala's removal from the top defence post and his appointment as presidential assistant.

Speculation included reports about personal clashes over defence spending, alleged corruption and potential controversy around Abu Ghazala's possible role in smuggling military material from the United States last year.

Mubarak said only that he wanted to introduce new blood to the 450,000-strong armed forces.

Some analysts suggested he was concerned about a military clique forming around Abu



Mubarak

Ghazala, who had been Egypt's top soldier for eight years.

In listing the qualifications of new defence minister Youssef Abu Taleb, a career officer and former Cairo governor, Mubarak included his "refusal of all types of cliques."

"Mubarak definitely has consolidated his position. He's definitely more in charge than before," Beha-uddin told Reuters. "The question is: do the reasons for the change have

anything to do with that?"

Beha-uddin and others said they hoped the move meant Mubarak was preparing to make other major decisions, primarily on the economy.

Egypt, \$43 billion in debt, is engaged in a tug-of-war with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) over the details of economic reforms needed to reach a new rescheduling agreement with foreign creditors.

Both Egypt and the IMF agree that reform is badly needed to trim the budget deficit, projected at \$7.2 billion (\$3.13 billion), and reduce dependence on handouts.

But Mubarak has attacked IMF prescriptions, including steep rises in interest rates and deep cuts in subsidies, as being too drastic and too fast.

Egyptian officials, mindful of food-price riots in 1977, have appealed for leniency from Western countries who see Egypt as a stable ally in the volatile Middle East.

"Of course, the riots in Jordan haven't helped very much," said one Western diplomat, referring to five days of violent protests there against IMF-inspired austerity measures. "Egypt wants to get away with as little as possible."

One area in which Mubarak could make cuts is the military, believed to account for up to a quarter of government spending. The subject of the defence budget, once considered taboo, has now been broached by Egyptian commentators.

### Maid abuse

SIR: I am an American residing with my family in Kuwait for a year and graduate in economic studies. First, I would like to say that I really enjoy reading Zahed Matar column on the front page — very insightful and direct, yet without offence. Second, in the past you have touched on some very controversial issues very tastefully and now I have a request for you.

I am greatly disturbed and troubled by the increasing incidences of maid abuse and subsequent lack of public interest and/or support. These maids are victims of circumstances who are sucked into and trapped in this country by false hopes of security and monetary rewards.

Even when their dreams become illusions, they should at least be afforded the one thing that God demands of His people — kindness. These maids are God's creation as well and are no less of an individual than the ones who hire them (most of the time more).

I am outraged by the insensitivity of the police/public, etc. for allowing this to transpire. Have we become so lazy, self-consumed and warped by the luxuries of society that we lose all compassion for our fellow man?

Daily articles are written about the injustices done to the people of Lebanon, South Africa, etc., and weekly "Best Sellers" speak about child abuse and the decadence of the Marcos dynasty and the emancipation of their people.

Why then do we turn our cheeks when the reality of injustice faces the very country in which we reside? I'm even more concerned when articles about a maid who remains in critical condition is printed during the holy month of Ramadan (or any other month for that matter) when Muslims are to be practicing goodwill and compassion for their fellow man. And I'm certainly not limiting my criticism to just Muslims/Arabs because all religious/nationalities are involved.

Bad moods, bad days and lack of sleep aside, no person ever has the right to treat another human so cruelly just because they are "inefficient." Employers work their help far too long, pay them very little and then have the audacity to treat their worst enemy better than them. Man cannot demand from another what he himself is not willing to do or cannot do.

No one should have to suffer senselessly and then be forced to return when he flees for safety. These maids are caught in a vicious trap of

legalities which don't allow them leave on their own accord, whether for legal or monetary reasons. Maybe Kuwait doesn't need maids. I urge you in whatever way possible to continue to expose this extraordinary problem.

Deborah M. Oates  
Safat

### Incomplete review

SIR: It is the aim of all the dancers in the School of Contemporary Dance to work towards being promoted to company and to one day perform on stage. It has been 5 years that my daughter Paula Al Chami has been dancing for the school during which time she has worked hard and due to her dedication and "her flare for dance", Mrs Hicks, being a dancer herself, gave her the opportunity to lead "Variations" at the young age of 13.

Unfortunately at this early stage of her life she has been exposed to a biased review. Your reporter did not have the courtesy to stay for the second half — "Fire & Ice" when she would have seen all the Company members perform as a team in beautifully made costumes on a well-constructed stage with special lighting effects giving the feeling of 2 separate worlds one of Fire and the other of Ice.

The duet performed by the company's Prima, Ania Majewska and Paula Al Chami was done so beautifully and with so much emotion that the audience appreciation showed in the lengthy applause that they received. Unfortunately, again, your reporter was not there to see this.

Since your reporter got her say in the newspaper this week, it would be fair that you print my letter before Thursday 27th April so that the public can read what I have to say.

B. Al Chami

### Get your facts right

Sir: On reading your "Day By Day" article in the Arab Times (17 April), I feel you ought to get your facts straight first before you write.

Regarding the Sheffield stadium disaster — the fence DID NOT fall on the people — people were crushed against it due to overcrowding after the police opened another entrance. Rescue workers had to cut part of the fence away, which is a little different from your comments. I must add that I heard the incident "live" on the BBC World Service.

Your comments about the contractors of the stadium, and quality of cement or steel

used are therefore immaterial.  
E.A. McCormick,  
Ahmad.

### Foreign Pakistani

SIR: I read in the What's On Column of the Arab Times, April 11, that Yasmeen Muzaffar will organise a Pakistani Eid Milan party, and on April 6-7, the Arab Times published her photograph and a write-up about an international festival held from April 1-3 where a Pakistani stall was organised. The lady and her husband renounced their Pakistani nationality years ago.

How can the Pakistani community in Kuwait allow the lady who is an American national to represent all the Pakistanis.

K.P. Das,  
Salmiya

When contacted by the Arab Times, Y. Muzaffar declined to comment on her nationality and said the writer of the above letter was "ignorant".

### Inaccurate statement

Sir: Zahed Matar in his Day by Day on April 13 states that in the Sheffield stadium incident, "the people died in a



hair-raising manner when the fence fell on them." Actually, the fence did not fall on them. All you had to do before printing your piece was to read the story "94 die, soccer tragedy in UK" on the front page of the Arab Times on the same day, to learn that the people who died were crushed or suffocated.

Then after you got the facts wrong, you go on to ask rhetorically what could have been the reaction had this incident taken place in a Third World country. Your statement is inaccurate and irrelevant.

John Flanagan,  
Mina Al-Zoor.

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Business relieved at Takeshita decision to quit

TOKYO, April 25, (Reuters): Corporate Japan expressed relief today when Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita said he would resign over the Recruit scandal.

The main worry for the business world is that the LDP (Liberal Democratic Party) will lose its majority and political instability ensue, said a Japanese banker, who declined to be identified.

"Now, perhaps they can settle the scandal, regroup to face the coming upper house elections," he said, "and avoid a major loss of seats in parliament."

In that sense, we appreciate Takeshita's decision.

Takeshita confirmed at a news conference he would step down with all his cabinet after parliament passes the 1989/90 budget. This is likely in mid- or late May.

He was one of dozens of public figures who received large donations from the Recruit Company, a telecommunications

and publishing concern at the centre of a scandal that has dragged on for nine months.

The popularity of the LDP has fallen to rock-bottom, partly as a result of the affair, which has also forced three cabinet ministers to resign.

Reflecting the business community's relief, prices rose sharply on the Tokyo Stock Market. The key Nikkei index closed up 438.86 points, or 1.34 per cent, at 33,244.78.

"Once he is out, the LDP can unify," said Jeff Usher, head of research at brokerage Smith New Court. "The budget will be passed and Recruit will be pretty much behind us."

The budget has been stalled in parliament since early March by an opposition boycott because of the scandal.

Political analysts said a prominent business leader's call last week for Takeshita to resign had signalled a turning point for the

prime minister.

Takashi Ishihara, chairman of the Japan Association of Corporate Executives and the Nissan Motor Company, said on Friday a fresh leader should take over to break the political stalemate, local press reports said.

Ishihara had been a major Takeshita supporter.

The business community considered that if Takeshita could survive, that was okay, but they were in doubts whether he could," said political scientist Rei Shiratori.

"Ishihara's statement was the answer. After his statement, almost all business leaders could say Takeshita should resign," he said.

Ishihara and the heads of other major Japanese business groups greeted Takeshita's decision to resign with formal statements of hope that the budget could now be passed quickly and real progress

made towards political reform.

"Due to the Recruit issue, distrust in politics had become great and a political vacuum including a delay in budget deliberations... had become acute," Ishihara's statement said.

Some of the business community said the likelihood of Takeshita being succeeded by Masayoshi Ito, a veteran with a reputation for clean politics, would help restore the LDP's tarnished image.

"It will be a temporary premier, but at least he will be clean, so the (negative) impact on the LDP will be minimised," another Japanese banker said.

Others expressed doubt that Takeshita's resignation would really help the ruling party recover.

"The LDP's image couldn't get any worse, but I don't know if this will really improve their chances," said John Takahashi, research director at Mitsubishi Research Institute.

## Chronology of Recruit scandal

TOKYO, April 25, (AP): Here is a chronology of developments in the Recruit bribery scandal, which forced Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita to announce his resignation today.

1986 — Recruit Co., a rapidly growing information and publishing conglomerate, sells large numbers of unlisted shares in one of its subsidiaries at low prices to about 160 influential politicians, businessmen and government officials.

Oct 30, 1986 — The shares are listed on the over-the-counter market, and quickly rise in value. Many recipients sell their shares, making large profits.

June 18, 1988 — First news of the scandal comes when a newspaper reports that the deputy mayor of a city outside Tokyo received low-priced Recruit shares in exchange for favours in a building project.

June and July, 1988 — News reports gradually disclose the names of other officials who received Recruit shares, including aides to Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita and former Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone.

Aug 1, 1988 — Questioning on the Recruit issue begins in parliament, delaying debate over a tax-reform package backed by the ruling Liberal Democratic Party. The package includes an unpopular 3 per cent sales tax.

Sept 2, 1988 — The Finance Ministry says the Recruit stock transactions violated securities laws because they were not reported to the ministry.

Sept 5, 1988 — Opposition lawmaker Yonosuke Narazaki says a Recruit official, Hiroshi Matsubara, offered him 5 million yen (\$38,000) to soft-pedal his investigation into the scandal.

Sept 6, 1988 — A video tape showing the alleged bribery attempt, filmed by a TV network at Narazaki's request, is shown on national television.

October, 1988 — The Communist and Socialist Parties disclose names of more politicians who received Recruit shares.

Oct 20, 1988 — Prosecutors take Matsubara into custody — the first arrest in the Recruit case.

Nov 16, 1988 — A list of 156 purchasers of Recruit shares is released in parliament, with all the names except for those of 26 politicians and government officials deleted.

Nov 17, 1988 — The ruling party pushes the tax reform package through parliament's lower house despite a boycott by some opposition parties over the Recruit scandal.

Dec 9, 1988 — Finance Minister Kiuchi Miyazawa resigns after repeatedly changing his explanation of an aide's stock purchases.

Dec 15, 1988 — Hisashi Shinto, chairman of Nippon Telegraph and Telephone, Japan's largest corporation, resigns after acknowledging that profits from Recruit stock purchases were deposited in his personal bank account.

Dec 30, 1988 — Justice Minister Takashi Hasegawa resigns 60 hours after being appointed in a cabinet reshuffle, after acknowledging he received donations from Recruit for many years.

Jan 24, 1989 — Economic Planning Agency chief Ken Harada, who earlier headed a parliamentary committee investigating the Recruit scandal, becomes the third cabinet member to resign because of Recruit links.

Feb 11, 1989 — A severe setback for the ruling party in a parliamentary by-election is attributed to public unhappiness over the Recruit scandal and the tax reform package.

Feb 13, 1989 — Recruit founder Hiromasa Ezoe, two NTT officers and another Recruit official are arrested.

Feb 23, 1989 — A ruling party candidate withdraws from a gubernatorial race because of past donations from Recruit.

March 7, 1989 — Former NTT chairman Shinto is arrested on suspicion of having provided favours to Recruit in exchange for stock.

March 8, 1989 — Prosecutors arrest Takashi Kato, former vice minister of labour.

March 28, 1989 — Kunio Takaishi, former vice minister of education, is the 14th person arrested in the scandal.

March 31, 1989 — In an explanation to parliament of his Recruit ties, Takeshita says he received more than 130 million yen (\$1 million) in political donations from the company.

April 12, 1989 — Takeshita acknowledges the Recruit donations exceeded the total amount allowable under law for a company of its size.

April 16, 1989 — A poll by Kyodo News Service shows Takeshita's support rating at only 3.9 per cent, an all-time low.

April 22, 1989 — News reports disclose that Takeshita received an additional loan of 50 million yen (\$380,000) from Recruit.

April 25, 1989 — Takeshita announces his resignation.

## Kuwait will issue unit trusts to boost stock market

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money, the sources said.

Some banks have set up funds through offshore companies, bankers said.

In an effort to support debt-ridden companies and share prices, the government over the last few years has built up its own portfolio to the point where it now owns more than 50 per cent of the capital of listed companies.

Some 20 to 30 per cent of shares never change hands, the sources said, adding that government support had caused many companies now listed to become far overvalued compared to their performance.

The sources said the authorities hoped that with the introduction of unit trusts, fund managers seeking profitable investments would encourage new companies to make public share flotations and list themselves on the exchange.

"The government hopes the funds will improve professionalism of share trading and bring small new companies in to replace the bad," said one market analyst.

The sources said 75 per cent of each fund would have to be invested in Kuwait while 25 per cent could go overseas.

After cabinet approval of the regulations, the stock exchange will have to draw up trading and administration procedures.

According to the sources, the exchange was also considering the introduction of options and forward deals but this was much further down the road.

## South Korea's current account drops sharply

SEOUL, South Korea, April 25, (AP): South Korea's current account surplus fell to less than half of last year's level in the first quarter of this year due mainly to sluggish exports, government officials said today.

The current account measures trade in goods and services plus certain unilateral transfers.

Officials at the Bank of Korea, the Central Bank, said South Korea's current account recorded a surplus of \$1.3 billion for the first three months of this year — \$517.9 million in January, \$360.2 million in February and \$422.5 million in March.

The January-March surplus is only 44.5 per cent of the \$2.9 billion surplus in the same period last year.

The bank officials attributed the shrinking surplus to an export slump coupled with spreading labour protests and the strong won, the South Korean currency.

The overall economic figures are alarming, the official said. They especially expressed concern that exports, the mainstay of South Korea's economy, grew only 8.1 per cent in the first quarter.

It is the first time exports have turned in a single-digit growth rate since the last quarter of 1986, when the rate was 5 per cent.

**World Bank loan for Tunisia**

TUNIS, April 25, (OPECNA): The World Bank is to extend a \$5.50 million loan to help finance an oil exploration programme in Tunisia.

The credit will be repayable in 17 years and its rate of interest will be adjusted in accordance with terms applicable to other World Bank loans.

Experts said Tunisia would become an oil importing country by the 1990s if no new oilfields were found.

## Report sees low oil prices through '90s

ABU DHABI, April 25, (Reuters): The economies of both oil-producing and poorer Arab states will continue to suffer into the 1990s from the effects of low oil prices, according to an authoritative economic report made available today.

"Expectations indicate the oil market will show no considerable improvement in the next few years, a fact that carries serious implications for Arab states," said the report.

Oil prices jumped several dollars in the weeks since the 1989 report went for final approval, due to agreed output cuts by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), a major US oil spill, and closure of a British output line.

But world prices are still way below the \$40 per barrel highs which caused the Arab economic boom of the 1970s.

"Meanwhile, depressed prices have already caused a 51 per cent fall in oil revenues from five years

ago, said the report, compiled by the 21-nation Arab League, the Arab Monetary Fund, the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries and the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development.

Oil prices have dropped sharply in recent years and the report calculates that in real terms, accounting for inflation, oil dropped in 1986 to 60 per cent of its 1974 value, although it recovered to 70 per cent in 1987.

"Considering the slowdown in growth of world oil consumption and continuing rises in supplies from outside the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), low oil prices are expected to continue until the early 1990s," the report said.

The decline has hit government spending which remains the driving force behind development in Arab states because alternative sources of income remain restricted, it said.

The decline in oil revenues will

affect all Arab countries because states which produce little or no oil depend on aid from oil producers.

In the next few years, world energy demand is projected to grow at about three per cent while demand for oil only is forecast to grow one to two per cent, the report said.

The report said energy consumption in non-communist industrial countries grew 1.8 per cent in 1987 over 1986, while demand in non-Arab developing nations grew 2.7 per cent.

But Arab capital investments are falling, to \$93.1 billion in 1987 from \$94.5 billion in 1986, and the less-populated oil producers had the bulk of that at \$69.7 billion in 1987, the report said.

Higher economic growth will depend on economic reforms, a rationalisation, and solving the problem of indebted Arab nations, the report said.

## Turkish workers to defy Labour Day rally ban

ISTANBUL, April 25, (Reuters): More than 200,000 Turkish workers plan to defy an eight-year ban and hold a May Day rally in Istanbul, a labour leader said yesterday.

"May 1 is a struggle day and the only way for regaining our rights is a struggle," said Munir Ceylan, leader of the oil workers union Petrol-Is.

"Whether permission is given or not, we will celebrate this day," Ceylan told Reuters.

He said the Istanbul authorities had not replied to their request for permission to stage a rally of 200,000 workers from seven major labour unions.

Unions representing nearly 600,000 state-sector workers are negotiating with the government for wage rises of more than 100 per cent. Passive protest campaigns have been staged at workplaces since April 10.

The main labour confederation Turk-Is, to which Petrol-Is is

affiliated, has threatened mass walk-outs by May unless the government increases wages eroded by inflation, which stood at 64.5 per cent in March.

In 1977, 37 people were killed when gunmen opened fire on a Labour Day rally in Istanbul's main Taksim Square.

Military rulers who took over in 1980 and crushed political violence banned May Day rallies in 1981. The date was dropped from a list of public holidays.

## Explosion rocks US Ford plant

DEARBORN, Mich., April 25, (Reuters): Two workers were presumed killed and most of the world's largest car-making complex was shut down by an explosion that ripped through a Ford Motor Co. electrical power plant early yesterday.

Chest-high floods hampered rescue attempts after the 6:20 am (10:20 GMT) blast tore out pavement and ruptured a major water pipe, Ford spokesman Bill Carroll said.

"It blew out all the windows, did damage to all the sheds. One woman was thrown up against a wall. It injured another woman in the parking lot, tipped over cars. Debris flew around for a couple of hundred yards," he told Reuters.

The blast shot through a network of underground tunnels carrying compressed air and steam from the suburban serving Ford Rouge, the name of the huge complex of five plants.

**Blast**

Scuba divers searched the tunnels for the missing men, who were cleaning in the plant at the time of the blast. They were identified as employees of an independent contractor.

A fire department investigation was under way.

Ford, the second-largest US carmaker, closed its glass plant, stamping plant and Mustang car assembly plant at Ford Rouge, sending about 7,000 workers home early, Carroll said.

Only a plant making Escort and Mustang engines at the complex remained open after the explosion.

## \$100m urea plant planned

BAHRAIN, April 25, (Reuters): Bahrain-based Gulf Petrochemical Industries Company (GPIC) will set up a \$100 million plant to produce urea, a fertiliser, the company said today.

GPIC general manager Mustapha Al Sayed told Reuters the firm's board of directors had approved plans for the project, which will be Bahrain's first downstream petrochemical

plant.

No timetable had yet been set but the plant would utilise ammonia already produced by GPIC and would be funded by a combination of debt and equity, he said.

GPIC is owned equally by the Bahrain National Oil Co, Saudi Basic Industries Corp and Kuwait's Petrochemical Industries Co.

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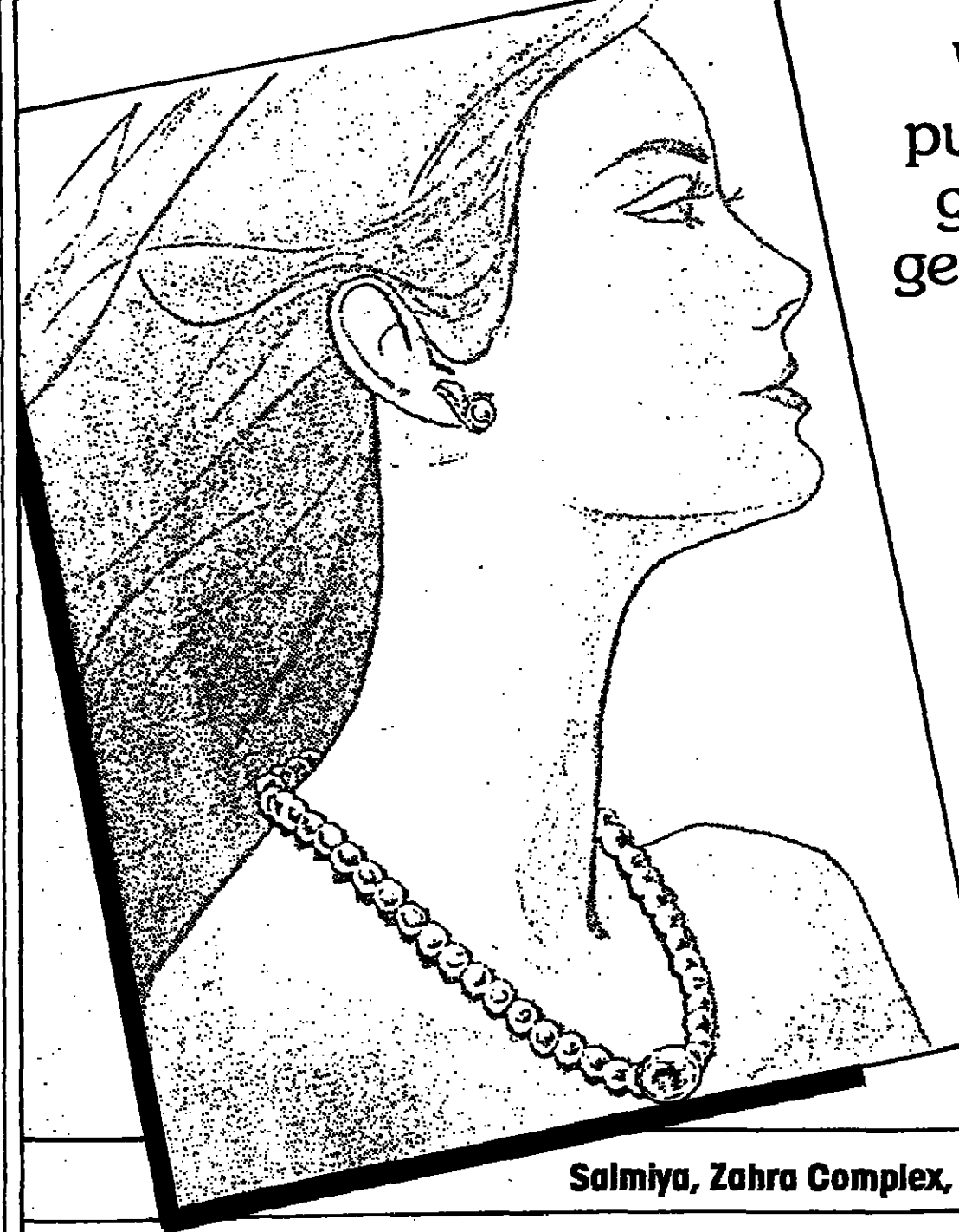
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# WORLD STOCK MARKETS

## International Bond Highlights

**NEW YORK:** Mexican debt negotiations said the country will receive about 4.5 billion dollars in commercial bank financing for each of the next six years if a debt reduction proposal based on new loans and interest capitalisation were accepted, bankers said. (NPAI 2347)

Tokyo: Yen bond prices closed firmer on professional short-covering. Some dealers attributed the rise to a belief the long-term Recruit Co share scandal may come to an end with Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita's announcement he will step down. (JPY 0715)

Som: West Germany's ruling coalition agreed that the country's 10 pct withholding tax on investment earnings should be lifted. Finance Minister Theo Weigel said. After a meeting with financial experts in the ruling coalition parties Weigel told West German television, "We are agreed that the tax levy should no longer carry on. The withholding tax in this case debt-equity conversion, dealers said. (NGUC 1647)

Cerac: Venezuela has proposed replacing part of its 32 billion dollar foreign debt with exit bonds, as one way to achieve the country's goal of a 50 pct debt reduction. Planning Minister Miguel Rodriguez said. (NOVF 1747)

London: Barclays Bank is planning to issue its first mortgage-backed security within the next two months and expects other banks to follow. (FRNNA 1808)

Frankfurt: Chase Bank AG, West German unit of Chase Manhattan Corp, is moving part of its mark bond trade to London from Frankfurt, bank officials said. (NGUC 1703)

## BOMBAY

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ASHOK LEY	81	82	83	83	83	83	83	83	83	83	83
ASIA PAINT	195	203.75	196.25	196.25	196.25	196.25	196.25	196.25	196.25	196.25	196.25
ATLAS COP	48	47	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46
AUTO CORP	84	83	83	83	83	83	83	83	83	83	83
BAJAJ AUTO	435	432.50	435	435	435	435	435	435	435	435	435
BAL RAYON	472.50	480	477.50	477.50	477.50	477.50	477.50	477.50	477.50	477.50	477.50
BK BOND	148	150	150.50	150.50	150.50	150.50	150.50	150.50	150.50	150.50	150.50
BLOM PLAST	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
BOM DYE	153	155	155	155	155	155	155	155	155	155	155
BSE INDEX	761.09	768.86	768.86	768.86	768.86	768.86	768.86	768.86	768.86	768.86	768.86
BURR MEL	225	217.50	222.50	222.50	222.50	222.50	222.50	222.50	222.50	222.50	222.50
CANSHARE	190	180	190	190	190	190	190	190	190	190	190
CEN ENKA	2670	2720	2670	2670	2670	2670	2670	2670	2670	2670	2670
CEN SPG	1900	1890	1840	1840	1840	1840	1840	1840	1840	1840	1840
COLGATE	345	345	341.25	341.25	341.25	341.25	341.25	341.25	341.25	341.25	341.25
CROMT GR	925	900	925	925	925	925	925	925	925	925	925
DCM	13.50	12	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
DEEP FERT	31.50	30.50	29.50	29.50	29.50	29.50	29.50	29.50	29.50	29.50	29.50
DUNLOP	92.50	90	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95
EI HOTELS	57.50	55	57	57	57	57	57	57	57	57	57
ESKAYEF	143.75	142.50	140	140	140	140	140	140	140	140	140
ESSAR SPG	23	24	24.50	24.50	24.50	24.50	24.50	24.50	24.50	24.50	24.50
FOOD SPL	208.75	210	212.50	212.50	212.50	212.50	212.50	212.50	212.50	212.50	212.50
FORBES	50	48	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
GAR POLY	76.25	76.25	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75
GE SHIPPING	43	44	44.50	44.50	44.50	44.50	44.50	44.50	44.50	44.50	44.50

## FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE
AEG	222.0
ADIANERK	1839.0
BADENWERK	190.2
BASF	301.0
BAYER	301.5
BAYER HYP	402.0
BAYER VER	403.0
BBC	443.0
BHF	465.0
BHW	516.0
COMMERZB	251.0
CONTI GUM	264.0
DAINER BEN	679.0
DEUTSC BK	548.5
DLV	538.0
DRESDENER	320.0
DT BAROCK	166.0
FAZ INDEX	575.56
FELDMUELE	348.0
GOLDSCHEID	390.0
HARPER	450.5
HOECHST AG	301.0
HOESCH	239.0
HORTEN	237.5
HUSSEL HLD	549.5
KALI SALZ	201.0
KARSTADT	476.0
KAUFHOF	457.0
KLOCK H	169.5
KLOCK V	163.5
LINDE	725.0
LUFTHANSA	169.0
NAN	273.0
NANNESMAN	228.5
MERCEDES	531.0
METALLGES	422.0
NIXDORF PF	309.0
NORSK HYD	50.0
PHILIP KON	69.0
PORSCHIE	709.5
PREUSSAG	272.5
PWA	291.5
RHEINMETAL	449.0
RME	275.5
RUE P	244.0
SALAMANDER	334.0
SCHERING	614.0
SEL	315.0
SIEMENS	532.0
THYSEN	228.5
VARTA	374.0
VEBA	290.0
VEW	169.3
VOLKSWAGEN	347.0

## HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE
BANK EA	16.20
CATHAY	9.35
CAVENDISH	402
CHEUNG K	10.50
CHINA L-P	14.70
DAIRY FARM	710
EVERGO IND	3.05
GT EAGLE	0
H S INDEX	118.73
HAE	20
HANG LUNG	6.30
HENDERSON	6.40
HK BANK	6.30
HK ELEC	8.35
HK GAS	20.50
HK LAND	11.20
HK TELECOM	5.40
HK S HOTEL	6.15
HOPEWELL	3.47
HS BANK	25.50
HUTCHINSON	11.20
HYMAN DEV	1.63
JAR MATH	22.10
JSR	13.50
K BUS	8.85
LAI SUN	171
MANDARIN O	0
MIRAMAR	9.15
NEW WORLD	13.90
PAUL Y CON	1.46
SHK PROP	14.50
STELL	3.05
STIRE A	21.40
TAI CHEUNG	5.55
TV B	1.29
WAF	11.50
WINSOR	10.80
WORLD INTL	4.97

## AMMAN

	DPNG	CLSG	JOR NATIONAL BANK		
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY			JOR PAPER CARDBROG	3.75	3.60
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.			JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	3.64	3.64
ARAB BANK			JOR PIPES MANUFACT	1.90	1.85
ARAB CHEMICAL DTER	4.55	4.45	JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	1.79	1.72
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	2.44	2.41	JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.25	4.40
ARAB INSURANCE	1.09	1.08	JOR ROCK WOOL IND.		
ARAB INT. INV/TRAD.			JOR SECURIT CORP	1.12	1.11
ARAB INT. UNION INS	1.05	1.01	JOR SELPHO CHEM.		
ARAB INTER. HOTELS			JOR WOOD INDUSTRY		
ARAB JOR/INVEST/BK	2.35	2.30	JOR WORSTED MLL	5.00	5.00
ARAB PAPER COM/TRD	0.45	0.43	JOR. KUWAIT AGR	0.91	0.91
ARAB PHARMA./NMF			JOR. PETROLEUM REF		
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM			JOR. FRENCH INS.	5.45	5.45
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65	JOR. INV. FIN. CORP	2.30	2.35
BANK OF JORDAN	15.12	15.12	JORDANIAN GULF REAL		
BEIT AL-MAL/BEITNA			JORDAN DAIRY		
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95	JORDAN GULF BANK	1.24	1.25
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	31.00	30.00	JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25	JORDAN INSURANCE		
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS			JORDAN ISLAMIC BNMK		
DAR ALDAMA DV/INV.			JORDAN KUWAIT BANK		
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.			JORDAN TANNING	2.05	2.06
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.75	0.71	LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.71	0.71
GARAGE OWNERS OF JOR	4.55	4.60	MACH/EQU/RENT/MAIN		
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63	MID EAST EXCHANGE	1.17	1.11
GENERAL INVESTMENT			MIDDLE EAST HOTEL	0.42	0.40
GENERAL MINING	2.10	2.10	MIDDLE EAST INS	2.03	2.00
HIMMER MINERALS	0.75	0.75	MINERALS RESEARCH	0.75	0.75
HOLD LAND INS.	1.44	1.44	NAT. FIN. INVEST CO		
IND./MATCH JEMCO			NAT/CABLE/PIPE/WF		
INDUST. DEVLPT BHK	1.63	1.63	NATIONAL AHLIA INS	1.34	1.40
INDUSTRIAL/COMM/AGR.	0.75	0.75	NATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.97	0.96
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.13	0.13	NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	0.88	0.88
INTERN. COMM/INV	0.90	0.90	NATIONAL STEEL	2.85	2.90
IRRID ELECTRICITY	0.90	0.90	ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25	0.28
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64	PETRA BANK	2.55	2.50
ITERNED/PETRI/CH			PETRA JOR. INS.	0.35	0.35
J. TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.79	0.80	PHILADELPHIA INS.	1.10	1.11
JERUSALEM INVT	1.26	1.29	PRECAST CONCRETE		
JOR TOBACCO/CIGARET	19.75	19.75	RAFA INDUSTRIAL	1.91	1.91
JOR CEMENT FACTOR	1.90	1.90	REAL ESTATE INV.	0.63	0.63
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.05	25.05	SHIPPING LINES		
JOR ELECTRIC POWER			SPRING SERVICE		
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.20	1.22	THE HOUSING BANK	1.89	1.85
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY			UNITED INSURANCE	1.16	1.16
JOR HOTEL TOURISM			UNIVERSAL CHEN. IND		
JOR INDUSTRY CHEN.	2.30	2.25	UNIVERSAL INS.	0.65	0.68
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20	WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.85	0.85
			YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.30	1.30

## PHILIPPINES MAKATI

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	90.00	92.50	81.50
AC-A	20.50	20.75	20.75	LC-A	30	31	31
ANS	2.85	2.90	2.90	PK-A	33	34	34
GLO	31.50	32.00	31.50	PK-B	33	34	34
PLDT	285.00	287.50	287.50	OIL	0.015	0.016	0.016
KPSI-B	3.40	3.45	3.45	BP-A	0.015	0.016	0.016
SHC-A	212.00	213.00	215.00	LRC-A	0.003	0.0034	0.0034
SHC-B	280.00	285.00	280.00	LRC-B	0.003	0.0034	0.0034
MINING	0.023	0.024	0.024	OPM-A	0.046	0.047	0.047
APX-B	0.024	0.025	0.025	OPM-B	0.046	0.049	0.049
AT-A	58.00	58.50	61.50	OV-A	0.044	0.045	0.044
				OV-B	0.046	0.047	0.046

## Makati Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION	SECTOR	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
C/I	3,089,580	17,206,247.50	206,247.50	1.76	DN
MINING	153,900,100	15,761,270.00	5,742.66	77.97	UP
OIL	618,450,000	20,000,050.00	7.059	0.088	UP
TOTAL	775,439,680	52,967,567.50	990.83	6.82	UP

## PHILIPPINES MANILA

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	92.00	92.50	82.00
AC-A	20.75	21.00	21.00	LC-A	30	31	31
SHC-A	211.00	212.00	214.00	LC-B	30	31	31
SHC-B	285.00	285.00	285.00	LC-C	30	31	31
SD-TIRE	41.00	40.50	40.50	LC-D	30	31	31
PLDT	285.00	287.50	287.50	ZIP	0.012	0.013	0.013
ANSOR-A2.90	2.95	2.90	2.90	OIL	0.015	0.016	0.016
AC-A	20.75	21.00	21.00	BP-A	0.015	0.016	0.016
FLER-A	31.50	32.00	32.00	BP-B	0.015	0.016	0.016
FER-B	2.60	2.46	2.46	LRC-A	0.0034	0.0036	0.0034
MINING	0.023	0.024	0.024	LRC-B	0.0034	0.0036	0.0034
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	OPM-A	0.046	0.047	0.047
APX-A	0.023	0.024	0.025	OPM-B	0.046	0.049	0.049
APX-B	0.024	0.025	0.025	OV-A	0.045	0.046	0.045
AT-A	57.50	59.00	62.00	OV-B	0.046	0.047	0.046
AT-B	58.00	58.50	62.00	TA	0.023	0.024	0.024

## Manila Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION	SECTOR	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
C/I	2,693,635	16,592,552.5	1118.50	5.55	UP
MINING	205,456,990	28,290,120	5320.77	UP	54.38
OILS	804,950,000	24,883,500	7.528	UP	0.112
TOTAL	1,013,100,625	69,766,172.5	993.68	UP	9.46

## SINGAPORE

ADFF A		G TOWN	10	N CEMENT	189	18
ADEF B		G U HLDGS	10	M CONCT	158	15
AJINOMOTO	20	GANDA HDG	42.5	M FEEDMIL		3
ANAL IND	31.5	GEN CORP	84.5	M FLOUR	320	31
ANCO	171	GENTING	580	M GLASS	258	25
BERJAYA	138	GEOR T RT		M TIN PRT	81.5	82
BOUSTED	150	GOLD COIN	19	M UTD IND	234	23
CARLSBERG	560	GSI	364	M UTD HFG	130	12
CCH	350	GUINNESS	138	M SHITA	64	64
CEREBROS	340	GUTHRI	53.5	M HAWA	106	10
CHEN IND	510	55	53.5	M MAGNUM	296	30
CK TANG	460	H L IND.	236	M HALEX IND	670	68
COLD STAR	358	HARIMAU	109	M METRO	54	5
CS HLDGS	50.5	HAW PAR	318	M MULPHALIND	109	11
		INCAPACE	550	M MULTIPURP	54	5
DKN		IHO-PAC	158	M MURATATO	114	11
DNIB BHD		14 INNOVEST	114	N ST TIME	34	34
DUTA CON	144	2 INSAS	42	NB TIMBER	113	11
DUTCHBABY		42 INTRACO	27	27 PEGI	54	5
				ROBINSON	279	27
ELEC MAGN	230	32 J ENGRG	306	31 ROTH IND	201	20
ESSO ORD	370	36 J SHPYARD	555	53 S FODDER	70	7
EVU YAN S.		24 JACKS LTD	152	13 S PACIFIC		33
F A C B	34	3 JC ENT		10 S PRESS	680	67
F F SHIP	346	35 JC-MPH	121	12 S PRESS F	685	69
F&N ORD	970	5 JOHAN HDG	51	4 S SHIP	470	47
FEB CABLE	----	6 K G HLDGS	113	11 S'WANG M	186	18
FED FLOUR		52 K KELLAS		22 SANYO		9
FIMA BHD	308	30 KAMUNTING	97	9 SHELL ORD	525	51
FUJITEC		65 KE SANG		10 SSANGYONG	251	25



## Iraqi team in Venezuela to foster closer ties

CARACAS, April 25, (Agencies): An official mission from Iraq arrived here yesterday on a five-day visit in the course of which it will hold talks aimed at promoting trade relations between the two OPEC countries.

The delegation, which includes economists, industrialists, oil marketing experts and geologists, is headed by Iraqi Deputy Oil Minister Mohamed Rida Hassan Al Shididi.

The visitors are due to meet Venezuelan officials and private sector representatives to explore the possibility of signing

agreements for purchase of aluminium, bauxite, iron ore and industrial goods from Venezuela, according to official sources.

### Discussions

Discussions will also cover heavy crudes in which Venezuela is particularly rich.

The delegation is to meet Energy and Mines Minister Dr Celestino Armas today. Later, it will hold a working meeting with senior officials at Petroleos de Venezuela (PDVSA), the state oil company. It is also expected to call on President Carlos Andres Perez.

Tomorrow, the delegation will visit PDVSA's research institute, Intevep, and meet members of the petroleum chamber, a private group of Venezuelan businessmen involved in oil-related activities. It will also hold discussions with officials of the Venezuelan steel industry chamber.

### Installations

On Thursday, the group will tour oil industry installations in the eastern state of Monagas, as well as steel and aluminium industry plants at Enluma and Sidor, besides inspecting hydro-electric facilities

at Guri.

On Friday, the delegation is to be taken to oil industry installations at Lake Maracaibo, western Venezuela.

Sources at Venezuela's Energy and Mines Ministry said the six-member Iraqi mission would also explore technical co-operation in extra-heavy crude oil production.

Iraq recently discovered 10 billion barrels of heavy crude oil near the Mand mountains. Venezuela's crude oil production is comprised of about 25 per cent heavy and extra-heavy crudes.

## Bonn minister jokes on future of unpopular tax

BONN, April 25, (Reuters): West German Finance Minister Theo Waigel yesterday drove home his opposition to an unpopular 10 per cent tax on investment earnings with a joke.

Since his appointment two weeks ago financial markets have speculated Waigel would try to have the withholding tax suspended or even abolished.

The tax, introduced in January and deducted at source, has already led to a flight of capital from West Germany.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl has promised a final verdict on the tax on Thursday when he gives a statement on government policy.

Last Friday Waigel said one possibility was that the tax could be suspended until the European Economic Community agreed a single such levy throughout the 12-nation bloc.

Yesterday at a reception in Munich for his 50th birthday, he appeared to say the tax would be short-lived with a joke.

Shown a newspaper cartoon in which a monster told the newly appointed finance minister, "my name is withholding tax, what's yours?" Waigel quipped: "My name is Theo and you won't be around much longer."

The tax is imposed on domestic bonds as well as investment earnings and is levied at source on investors by banks.

Its introduction in January drove investors out of West Germany into tax havens, particularly Luxembourg, weakening the usually strong mark.

"A suspension of the tax would be a good thing for the mark, German bonds and shares," said one Frankfurt-based stock trader.

"But if they now don't suspend it, it'll be a disaster," he added.

Details of how the tax could be scrapped are still not clear and sections in Kohl's ruling Centre Right coalition believe the tax can only be modified, rather than abolished.

Government sources said Waigel, to prepare Kohl's statement, started his first round of talks yesterday with tax experts in the ruling Centre Right coalition.

Waigel was named finance minister in a cabinet reshuffle on April 13 which sent Gerhard Stoltenberg, who originally introduced the tax, to the Defence Ministry.

West Germany's economy, the powerhouse of Western Europe, is showing signs of overheating after six straight years of growth, an authoritative report said yesterday.

Saudi traders join forces in \$13.3m consortium

## Plan to promote non-oil exports

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia, April 25, (AP): Saudi Arabian industrialists are joining forces in a 50 million-riyal (\$13.3 million) consortium to promote and market the kingdom's non-oil exports, the Arab News daily reported Monday.

Saudi Industrial Export Co. (SIEC), the first organisation of its kind in the kingdom, will be owned and operated by Saudi industrialists, the English-language newspaper said.

The group's campaign was in apparent response to the government's call for more help from the private sector to boost economic development.

Ahmed Saleh Al Tuwaijeri, managing director of Saudi Consulting House which conducted a feasibility study for the new firm, told the Arab News that "SIEC can enter into deals with foreign countries and complete all export procedures on behalf of

various industrial firms."

He said that Saudi Basic Industries Co. (SABIC), the state-run body in charge of industrial development, has offered SIEC rent-free space for two years in its New York, London, and Hong Kong export offices.

Meetings attended by Commerce Minister Saleh A. Solaim and Industry and Electricity Minister Abdel-Aziz Al Zamil, were scheduled at the Saudi Chamber of Commerce to discuss launching the new enterprise, the Arab News and industry sources said.

Plans to offer SIEC's share to the public are also being considered.

### Plan

The company is being formed as Saudi Arabia, the world's largest crude oil exporter, is driving to diversify its economy and lessen its dependence on oil revenues.

uses.

The government, in its fifth five-year development plan, has stressed the private sector's role in industrial development.

According to the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA), non-oil exports have multiplied from 118 million riyals (\$31.5 million) dollars) 10 years ago to 7.9 billion riyals (\$2.2 billion) in 1987.

Saudi Arabia's total exports increased from 74.4 billion riyals (\$19.8 billion) in 1986 to 86.9 billion riyals (\$23.1 billion) in 1987, the last year for which there are official figures.

Neighbouring Gulf countries account for approximately 35 per cent of the kingdom's total exports.

The bulk of Saudi non-oil products are petrochemicals, agricultural products including wheat, poultry and dairy products.

## Consumers call boycott of food shops

Protest gathering momentum

ALGIERS, April 25, (Reuters): A group calling itself the "Angry Consumers Association" called yesterday for a national boycott of food shops in Algeria in an effort to drive down soaring prices.

The official Algerian news agency APS said the association, based in the western town of Oran, urged people to boycott red meat, fish and vegetables for four days starting on Thursday.

Consumer groups have already staged shopping strikes in several towns, including Algiers, Oran and Tizi Ouzou, after the prices of meat and vegetables doubled or tripled in two weeks.

### Strike

The main labour federation, the Union General des Travailleurs Algeriens, said it would support the national food strike, APS reported.

Reports in the local media suggest protests against high prices are gathering momentum. A week ago 52 irate shoppers were arrested after they wrecked a market at Aflou and trampled on the food.

Algeria was rocked last October by riots sparked by economic hardships, high prices and shortages. Analysts say there could be a repetition unless discontent is rapidly defused.

### Reasons

In an unusually frank diagnosis of Algeria's economic problems, APS said earlier the weakness of the dinar was one of the main reasons for the wave of popular protests.

"The dinar is not at all well. It is sick, seriously sick," APS said. "This is obvious from the crazy surge in prices and exchange rates on the black market."

The agency said the French franc cost five dinars on the black market, compared to an official rate of 1.15 dinars.

The situation was aggravated by rising unemployment, galloping population growth and the development of chronic shortages.

Shortages had stimulated the black market, APS said, while the development of ostentatious signs of wealth was incompatible with the continuous degradation of the purchasing power of people on fixed income.

APS said bureaucracy in the public sector, which accounts for three quarters of the gross domestic product, was largely to blame, but the small private sector was not without guilt because tax evasion and fraud were rife.

### Increases

Even before the latest increases, consumer prices had risen on average by 46.7 per cent a year since 1985 because of a lack of hard currency due to a dramatic fall in oil revenues.

"For political reasons it was impossible to impose further austerity measures," APS said, clearly referring to the danger of a repetition of the October riots.

But it said the government of Prime Minister Kasbi Merbah would cut this year's budget deficit to 1.9 per cent of GDP from five per cent last year, limit money supply growth to 10 per cent and wage war on tax evasion and fraud.

It would also fight the black market, impose a tax on external signs of wealth and make foreign embassies, diplomats and enterprises pay for rents and services in hard currency.

## Exxon posts 13pc drop in first quarter profit

NEW YORK, April 25, (AP): Exxon's Corp.'s profit fell 13 per cent in the first quarter due largely to one-time expenses, but Alaskan oil-spill costs had only a negligible impact, the biggest petroleum company of the United States said yesterday.

For the three months ended March 31, Exxon earnings totalled \$1.3 billion, or 99 cents a share, down from 1.5 billion, or 1.06 a share, in the first quarter of last year. Revenue rose one per cent to \$22.2 billion compared with 22 billion in the 1988 period. Of total capital and exploration expenses amounting to \$5.4 billion, the company said it charged 30 million for "salvage expenses, vessel repair and partial loss of cargo" associated with the spill.

The Exxon Valdez tanker crashed into the rocks off the Alaskan coast on March 24, spewing 240,000 barrels of oil into Prince William Sound and creating one of the biggest environmental uprisals since the oil industry first tapped into Alaska's huge reserves in the 1970s.

### Deal

"Exxon and Exxon Shipping Company carry insurance in substantial amounts to deal with cleanups, damage claims and liabilities resulting from oil spills," the New York-based company said. "Based on information to date, we cannot reasonably estimate the next expense to be borne by Exxon and Exxon Shipping Company."

Exxon said "first-quarter results also reflected \$3.9 billion for the acquisition of Texaco Canada Inc. by its Canadian subsidiary, Imperial Oil Ltd. Texaco Inc. sold its 78 per cent stake in Texaco Canada in January.

Last year, Exxon earned \$5.3 billion on revenue of \$7.5 billion with the company's refining and marketing segments benefitting early in the year from low crude prices, while exploration and production earnings lagged.

## Record profits

ABU DHABI, April 25, (Reuters): The United Arab Emirates (UAE) telecommunications firm Etisalat, the biggest quoted UAE company, reported record 1988 profits despite a series of rate cuts over the year.

The firm said net profit rose 28 per cent over 1987 to 669.9 million dirhams (\$181 million). It said it proposed raising total dividends almost 14 per cent to 597.6 million dirhams (\$161.5 million).

## Japanese labour cost close to US

WASHINGTON, April 25, (AP): Higher wages and a stronger yen drove the cost of labour in Japanese industry to 95 per cent of the US cost last year, according to the latest figures from the US Bureau of Labour Statistics.

The average cost per hour of wages and other compensation was \$13.90 in the United States and \$13.14 in Japan.

In addition, labour costs were higher in eight European countries than in the United States: 30 to 40 per cent higher in West Germany, Norway and Switzerland, and 10 to 20 per cent higher in Belgium, Denmark, Finland, the Netherlands and Sweden.

Low wages in Japan were often cited in the past as a reason for Japan's ability to sell its goods. In

dollar terms, the average cost of a worker was only half the cost in the United States as recently as 1985. Since then, the price of the yen has risen fast. It took 238 yen to buy a dollar in 1985. Last year the average price was only 128 yen.

In practice, despite the rising cost of its labour in dollars Japan still sold \$77 billion worth of goods last year beyond what it bought. The United States had the opposite situation: a trade deficit of more than \$152 billion.

Michael Evans of Evans Economics Inc., who makes weekly world-wide forecasts from Washington, cited other figures from the Labour Department to show that Japanese labour cost in the auto industry is still only 75 per cent of the cost in the United States.

## Ortega seeks European help to patch up troubles with US

PARIS, April 25, (Reuters): Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega, starting a European tour, said yesterday he wanted Europe to help his country normalise ties with the United States.

"We want to normalise our relations with the US, we are not their enemies," Ortega, dressed in battle fatigues, told a news conference. "We want to know exactly what they have against us so we can reply."

Ortega, on the first leg of a 10-nation swing through Western Europe, said he would ask French President Francois Mitterrand to speak on behalf of war-battered

Nicaragua when he meets President George Bush in May in the United States.

In West Germany and Britain, where he is to meet Europe's foremost conservative leaders for the first time, Ortega said he would also ask Chancellor Helmut Kohl and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to intercede with Washington.

### Policy

The Nicaraguan leader said he believed Bush was ready to change heart towards the ruling Sandinistas, who have fought for eight years against US-backed Contra

rebels, but was trapped by the tough line of the previous Reagan administration.

"I do not believe Bush wants a repetition of history," he said. "But violence is rampant across Central America and if the situation worsens it will be difficult for the Americans to implement a new policy."

Ortega said he would press Europeans to back a regional peace plan signed in El Salvador in February and seek financial aid.

Nicaragua, cut off from international credit because of US pressure and heavily reliant on socialist countries, is hoping to clinch \$250 million of Western aid next

month at a Stockholm conference of donor countries.

West Germany cut off aid in 1984 in protest at a crackdown on political opposition and Britain has said it will not help Nicaragua until it takes steps to democratise.

Ortega was to leave Paris on Monday for talks with European Economic Community leaders in Brussels and meet Spanish Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez on Wednesday. He will also visit Greece, Italy, Ireland, Norway and Sweden in the most extensive foreign trip he has undertaken.



An estimated 100,000 striking teachers and supporters march into Constitution Plaza on Monday in downtown Mexico City. The demonstrators were marching in support of pay demands by teachers who walked out of classrooms last Monday. (Reuters wirephoto)

After union boss quits

## Teachers vow to continue strike

MEXICO CITY, April 25, (AP): Mexican teachers, buoyed by the resignation of their hated union boss and a protest march that drew 15,000, vowed to continue their week-old strike for 100 per cent raises and more democracy in their union.

Leaders of the dissident National Education Workers' Co-ordinate said at a rally that they would ignore government threats of suspensions and continue the strike until their demands are met.

One of those demands had been their longtime call for removal of Carlos Jonguitud Barrios, whose 17-year grip on Mexico's largest union made him one of the country's most powerful labour bosses.

"We believe it's a triumph of the democratic teachers because it's very clear that they're giving (us) Jonguitud's head at the moment when the movement is at its peak," Teodoro Palomino, a leader of the Co-ordinate, said. The Co-ordinate claims support of 500,000 of the 1.1 million members of the union, one of the

strongest in Mexico and Latin America.

"It boosts our spirits to continue pushing" for the other demands, he said.

Bargaining between the Co-ordinate and the pro-government National Education Workers' Union and the education department resumed on yesterday evening.

Government sources said the union pressure had given President Carlos Salina de Gortari, who ousted the powerful oil workers' union boss in January, the impetus to carrying his campaign against union corruption a step further by removing Jonguitud.

Jonguitud had the support of the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party's old guard, which opposes some of Salina's efforts to modernise the party, the economy and the country.

With the raise in base pay, the government has offered 18 per cent increases in fringe benefits, the Co-ordinate has rejected them.

Teachers say their net pay

averages \$142 a month. Pedro Ortega Hernandez, 43, who has been an elementary school teacher for 24 years, gets more than that because of his seniority and because he works in Tlaquiltenango, 170 miles south of Mexico City, one of the areas where there is a cost of living differential.

But he said the \$208 a month he takes home barely covers half the expenses for the family of seven. He sells costume jewellery to friends to try to make ends meet.

### Power

Jonguitud was probably the most important labour boss remaining from a clique that held workers in line and turned out the vote for the ruling party in exchange for political office and the power that goes with control of the coffers of large labour organisations. He retains his post as a federal senator.

He was found union boss ousted since Salinas took office in Dec 1.

After ordering oil worker's union boss Joaquin Hernandez Galicia to jail on weapons charges, Salina had musician's union leader Venus Rey removed.

## Strategy for economic growth planned

Lanka launches housing plan

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka, April 25: The task of rebuilding Sri Lanka's economy is beginning in earnest.

Even before terrorist violence subsided across the South Asian democracy, plans were quietly implemented to co-ordinate an overall strategy for economic growth.

A cornerstone of that strategy is an influx of \$500 million in annual loans from foreign donors — vital to the quest for foreign exchange. These loans, as well as foreign investment, must be integrated in an ambitious plan based on moving existing industry to upscale product lines.

Growth of the economy this year may exceed 1988's level of 3.5 per cent, if World Bank projections are accurate. Three engines of the economy — tea, textiles, and rubber production — were largely spared damage by either Tamil separatists or Marxist extremists.

Tourism, however, which is a vital source of revenue and jobs, dropped sharply from the 460,000 visitors tallied in 1982.

Revenue from tourism collapsed to less than \$80 million two years ago as European and North American visitors cancelled winter trips.

The newly elected regime of Ranasinghe Premadasa has pledged to continue along the path that brought generally encouraging results in previous years.

This includes privatization of transport, economic liberaliza-

tion, and expansion of export processing zones.

There is, for example, the \$1 billion Mahaweli Project, a vast irrigation and rural-development programme that will harness resources across the eastern sections. "This is the largest project of its kind anywhere," a specialist at the Asian Development Bank says. "It will relieve economic imbalances like underemployment" — conditions that fuelled social unrest.

### Violence

Before the violence of recent years, the former British colony — which used to be known as Ceylon — was often termed "the next Taiwan." A merchant class was growing. Reforms had opened the island to foreign investment as import substitution policies were abandoned.

The port at the capital city of Colombo underwent a costly modernization plan that places it as South Asia's major trans-shipment centre.

For these reasons, development plans in the nation of 16.4 million were treated seriously by impartial observers. By social indexes such as infant mortality, access to sewerage, and public health, the country is on a par with advancing economies of Asia such as Malaysia and Thailand.

The literacy rate is 90 per cent, and Sri Lanka launched a housing programme seen as a model for all development countries.

During the 1970s, yearly growth rates of six per cent led to

strides in light manufacturing. The Colombo export processing zone attracted \$300 million worth of foreign investment and more than 30,000 direct jobs were created.

"Reputation as reliable low-cost producer helped it according to Mark van Fleet, director of Asian-Pacific Affairs at the United States Chamber of Commerce. D.N. Lawrence, executive director of Colombo-based John Keels Holdings, a major diversified business group, asserts that "worker training was succeeding" before violence since "we were never relying on a low-wage base indefinitely."

### Investors

Most major multinational investors maintained operations during the years of violence.

Singer, NCR, Pfizer, and Korea's Hyundai are cautiously optimistic about their respective performance this year. Attempts to diversify foreign investment, reducing the share held by textiles, have not achieved results.

Japan's Toshiba and Mitsui are active. A special political relationship between Tokyo-based corporations and Sri Lanka fosters commercial gains that will spawn a handful of investments in the \$5 million-to-\$15 million range in months ahead.

This relationship has its origins in Sri Lanka's postwar steps to champion international acceptance of a new, non-militarist Japan.

The Christian Science Monitor.

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## Japanese trade team to visit Ireland

TOKYO, April 25, (KUNA): The Japanese government will send next autumn a 20-man delegation to Ireland to evaluate investment possibilities there, Japanese official sources reported today.

The announcement came following the meeting which was held earlier today between Japanese Foreign Trade and Industry Minister Hiroshi Mitsumura and visiting Irish Prime Minister Charles Haughey.

The sources added that the Japanese team will be a part of trade commissions assigned for outside Japan and that it will also visit another European Economic Community country.

The Irish prime minister who arrived here yesterday on an official four-day visit will also meet with his Japanese counterpart Noboru Takeshita.



EVENTS

# On the trail of blood and gore

**By Shaun Seekins**

FOR those of us who like a good portion of blood and gore in our cinema entertainment Rampage should satisfy our requirements to the tee. Starting with the apparently senseless killing and mutilation of three people by a young man, it then follows the trail of death and mayhem he leaves behind him as he satisfies his craving, definitely not one for the squeamish. The murderer is eventually caught by the police, whereupon he cheerfully admits his guilt but states that he was forced to kill in order to save his own life. The crusading district attorney decides to exact revenge for the dead victims and sets out to prove that the killer is "legally sane". He can feel sympathy for the relatives as his own daughter has recently died, but the long hours he puts in to try to get a conviction does not help his marriage and eventually his wife leaves to "think things over."

There then follows an absorbing court-room drama with some good performances by the defence attorney and a scheming doctor who doesn't want his nursing home to carry any responsibility for having released the murderer from custody.

Dominick and Eugene suffers in comparison with the recently released movie about mismatched brothers *Rainman*. Dominick (Tom Hulce) is 12 minutes older than his twin Eugene (Ray Liotta), but any resemblance ends there. A mysterious childhood accident has resulted in Dominick remaining dimwitted — "slow", he is assured — while Eugene who seizes life after his sibling, is bright and ambitious. The



Tom Hulce and Ray Liotta in *Dominick and Eugene*.

irony is that Dominick, who seems to like and trust almost everyone — often to his detriment, is paying for Eugene to go through medical school via menial job as a rubbish collector in their home city of Pittsburgh.

When Eugene learns that he has been offered residency at Stanford and then begins to develop a relationship with a fellow intern, Jennifer (Jamie Lee Curtis), the strain of brotherhood stretches almost to breaking point.

Deep Star Six is the first of a series of underwater action films that are set to submerge us. A kind of deep sea Aliens, the film is directed by the man

who brought us Friday the 13th (but not in Kuwait) Sean S. Cunningham. A team of scientists and sub mariners are placing atomic weapons on the sea bed and inadvertently let loose a monster that has been dormant for millions of years. Said monster promptly starts to devour everyone in sight, until the survivors discover that it is attracted by the light. Disaster after disaster overtakes the crew, including a graphic demonstration of the need to decompress before trying to rise to the surface.

Full Moon in Blue Water is one of those understated movies that tries to make a comment on the human condition, it has great actors who

work with a quirky script that tries to steer its way between drama and comedy. Gene Hackman stars as Floyd, the sulking owner of a decrepit bar in Blue Water, Texas. Floyd's wife has disappeared over a year ago and everyone in the small town assumes that she is dead, but Floyd continues to keep a vigil, waiting for her return. This frustrates Louise (Teri Garr), a local school bus driver who has a crush on Floyd and wants to go into partnership with him to try to save the bar.

Meanwhile, there is Jimmy (Elias Koteas), an amiable but dim-witted employee of Floyd's who once did time in a mental hospital. Jimmy is one of those stock movie characters who can turn tragic at the drop of a hat, which is what happens when he thinks that he has accidentally killed Floyd's father-in-law.

Desperate to avoid a return to the mental hospital, Jimmy takes over the bar with a gun and holds Floyd, Louise and others hostage until the father-in-law turns up alive.

A somewhat unfocused plot but director Peter Masterson certainly coaxes some pleasant performances out of this great cast.

Leonard Rossiter stars in *The Rise and Fall of Reginald Perrin*, some new Agatha Christie style mystery in a series entitled *Campion*, the final episodes of *A Bit Of A De* and *Dirtwater Dynasty* are all available now.

THE above films are by courtesy of VFI, Fintaa/Farwanja; Video Nafi, Salihiya, Tel: 2432808; and Video Club, Salihiya, Tel: 5724372.

# Harlem Globetrotters coming to Kuwait

THE Harlem Globetrotters, due to play in Kuwait for the first time next month, are truly a 'globe trotting' team.

As with all their appearances, their game on May 15 is expected to be a sell-out performance.

Since their formation in 1927 they have played to ecstatic fans in no less than 103 countries. As they have never played in any of the GCC countries before, nor Jordan, their Winners Arab World tour will increase that total to 111.

Over the past 63 seasons, the Harlem Globetrotters have more than lived up to their jet set name, exporting their unique basketball skills to fans just about everywhere.

On tour, the team has played on courts over ice in hockey rinks, at the bottom of drained swimming pools, on aircraft carriers and once on a court laid over empty beverage barrels because of an impending rain-storm. They've trotted the globe by every imaginable means, from the Concorde to dog sleds.

**Performance**

In Europe, the team has performed for five popes, the kings of Greece and England, and the heads of most governments. The 75,000 fans the Globetrotters attracted to Berlin's Olympic Stadium in 1951 is still the world basketball attendance record.

When the Harlem Globetrotters arrived to play a four-game engagement in Lima, Peru, in 1956, the city was in the midst of a savage civil war. The news soon spread that the games were cancelled. Within hours, the opposing forces called a four-day truce. Thousands of Peruvians attended the games without incident. When the Harlem Globetrotters left down, the war resumed.

**Conditions**

In South America, the squad packed Rio de Janeiro's Estadio Municipal with 50,041 enthusiastic spectators. The Harlem Globetrotters arrived in Argentina during a country-wide strike. The crowds were huge, though most walked miles to the stadium.

"I remember one time in



The Harlem Globetrotters — combining hilarious showmanship with the highest level of basketball skills.

Spain we played in a bullring," says Harlem Globetrotters vice-president and general manager Joe Anzovino. "A bullfight was just over. We had to play in the dust and dirt and blood. But we did it. And the people were thrilled. As long as the fans have a good time, where we're playing doesn't matter. It doesn't have to be Madison Square Garden. If conditions aren't perfect, we

just play perfect to make up for it."

Harlem Globetrotters old-timers will never forget a game one year in Athens. At game time, 10 pm, the temperature still hovered around 100 degrees Fahrenheit — so hot that the asphalt playing surface was liquifying. In the middle of the game, a ferocious down-pour cooled things off. The team donned raincoats, kicked

off their shoes and continued the game. The crowd went completely wild.

"When we travel overseas, a lot of people we meet can't speak English," says Joe Anzovino. "But we find they can all say 'Harlem Globetrotters!' When they do, there's always a big smile on their faces. That makes us all feel great!"

# Hoffman and Cruise — without a hint of slushiness

**By Gail Seery**  
Arab Times staff

CHARLIE Babbitt is on the verge of bankruptcy. As Rain Man opens he is watching four newly arrived Lamborghini Countaches being hoisted from a transport ship. These were promptly seized by a pollution control agency, a loan desperately requires repayment, his customers are demanding their down-payments back because they can't find the cars, and Babbitt is definitely not a happy man.

To most men, the death of their father, coming in the middle of all this, would be a disaster. Charlie Babbitt experiences little visible emotional pain, just a long standing and deep seated resentment against his father, who is later described as a man who found it difficult to show love.

He, and his girlfriend Stephanie travel to Cincinnati for the funeral to find that Charlie has been left a 1949 Buick Roadmaster convertible, of which only 8000 production models were ever made, and some rose bushes, which don't

figure much in the ensuing story. The remainder of the estate, some three million dollars, is put into a mysterious trust fund, and the identity of the beneficiary is not revealed to Charlie.

**Hostility**

He does a little investigation and ends up at a residential hospital. When he starts to leave, none the wiser, he meets a man who is babbling about the car, and saying "my daddy's alive" — slowly on the driveway.

The man's name is Raymond Babbitt, he is an autistic savant, and Charlie's brother — a fact Charlie Babbitt initially reacts to with hostility, against his father and the doctors for never telling him he had a brother, and against Raymond.

This is the framework for Dustin Hoffman's dazzling award winning performance as Raymond Babbitt. The role of Raymond must have been difficult to play, to make the character endearing and totally convincing at all times is a huge achievement, and Hoffman deserves every word of praise

that has been written or spoken.

Babbitt is severely disabled. He lives in a world of his own, not hearing everything, apparently unable to relate properly to other human beings, and terrified of being moved away from the familiar, away from routine and ritual, which are "all he has to protect himself."

**Legacy**

When Charlie Babbitt, played by Tom Cruise, decides to hijack Raymond as a first step to getting his share of the legacy, this aspect of Raymond is all he sees.

At first he is infuriated by Raymond, but gradually comes to terms with his needs. He also comes to see another side of Raymond, as a mathematical genius, and someone who can completely memorise the first part of a telephone directory.

Taking him back to L.A. is not easy, but by the time they get there, Charlie has learned that he had distant memories of Raymond, and why he was institutionalised. He turns down

the offer of money from Raymond's trustees, and rightly claims that Raymond has learned more in a week with him than he did in his whole life.

This film is definitely one of the strongest films to be made for many years. Cruise and Hoffman work excellently together, and against Raymond's relentless disability, we have Cruise's sometimes arrogant egoism, and sometimes his own hysteria, likewise, half way to L.A., Raymond needs to buy new underwear — and he always shops in Cincinnati. The trip to Las Vegas is also superbly handled, and the most powerful moment of the film comes after the initial custody hearing with an unsympathetic doctor.

Anyone who didn't already see this film should do so. It's an important film, as one of the major problems facing disabled people seems to come from the prejudice of those around them. Prejudice is often based on fear and ignorance, and this film looks at the problem in a positive way, without a hint of slushiness.

## WHAT'S ON

**ARTS**

**Africa: Textiles and Crafts**  
AFRICA: Textiles and Crafts, an exhibition from Nigeria, is at the Sultan Gallery, 8 pm to 11 pm, until May 2, Thumayan Al Ghanim Bldg., Al Seer St.

**Kuwait Science Museum**  
OPEN Saturday to Wednesday, 8-9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursday and Friday.

**Islamic Arts Museum**  
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 7:00 to 10:00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

**Tareq Rajab Museum**  
RAMADAN evenings Sat - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 7-10 pm. Collection of Islamic arts.

**Sadu House**  
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon: 7 to 10 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts - rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

**MUSIC**

**Piano Recital**  
MAY 9: Well-known pianist Klaus Zöll will give a recital at the Sheraton Hotel's Riccardo Restaurant at 5 pm, followed by a cocktail reception. For reservations call the hotel, ext. 104/107/109.

**THEATRE**

**Sherlock Holmes**  
APRIL 26: 6:00 pm. The famous doggie detectives, Hound and Watson, join forces

to foil Moriarty's evil plans for a hijack and to steal a golden statue in two exciting adventures. The Golden Statue and the Green Balloon at the British Council Library in Mansouriya. Also on Thursday at 10.30 am. Admission is free but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 2515512, 2533204, 2533227.

**Hindi play**  
MAY 7: One-act play competition. See the Sharma family perform "Nazuk Savari" at the IAC. For passes please contact Vijay Sharma at 2644863.

**Hindi play**  
MAY 4/5: 8 pm. Sharq Cooperative Society. Natya Bharati presents Hindi play entitled "Bin Baati ke Deep", followed by dinner catered by Caesars. For entry and dinner passes contact Tel: 4880963; 5623810; 3725627.

**SOCIAL**

**Discovery of India**  
APRIL 27 and 28: Discovery of India, an audio visual show of traditional Indian folk music representing the various states of India to commemorate the Nehru Centenary at Indian Arts Circle, Funaites, at 8 pm. For passes contact Tel: 3925172, 5640384, 3722917, 4881359, or contact Casablanca Video, Fahaeel and Mod Wears, near U.T.C. Fahaeel.

**Restaurant class**  
APRIL 28: 1 pm. KAPILKU'S free classes will resume on Friday.

The participants will tour the different departments of the Holiday Inn to familiarise themselves with the actual workings of a hotel.

Homer Mesina VP for media and external affairs and the chairman of the classes will discuss the mechanics of Res-

taurant and Fast Foods. Jun Mercado, vice-chairman will also explain new innovations for fast food.

Romer Parafina and Rudy del Rosario will also enlighten the participants with an overview of the hotel during the tour.

**May Queen**  
MAY 11: Kuwait Goans will crown May Queen on May 11 at the Messiah Beach Hotel. Bands in attendance. Top Ranks and Next of Kin. For more information call 4881387.

**Remo's show**  
MAY 11: The Expatriates Club will hold its premier event dinner-musical evening at the SAS Hotel. Highlights: India's pop star Remo will entertain. For details contact: Tony 2415439, Wilson 3918905 (office hours), Val 3614506 after 2 pm.

**Konkani drama**  
MAY 18-19: Indian Arts Circle. Funaites. MAR Productions presents Konkani drama "Noshibacho Divo Paloulo," directed by Prem Kumar. Gate passes available at Raja Stores. Tel. 2412970.

**Kuwait Caledonians**  
MAY 18: Messiah Beach Hotel. The Caledonians will hold a "celebith" (gathering) with entertainment by John Carmichael and others. Tel: 5335082; 3727690 ext. 253.

**Summer Bazaar**  
MAY 19: 2:00 pm St Pauls Ahmadi grand summer bazaar at British Embassy compound sale of handicrafts, home cooking and object d'art. Free entry.

**SPORTS**

**Recreation centre**  
SWIMMING lessons have commenced which is available for non-members at the Holiday Inn hotel. Mondays (6 to 7 p.m.) separate ladies and mens fit classes with Steve and

Chris Hill. Saturdays and Wednesdays (5 to 6 pm) ladies aerobics and Saturdays (6 to 7 pm) mixed aerobics, with Toufi Pakasalo. Saturdays and Tuesdays yoga (7 to 8 pm). Bowling alley available for company tournaments. Sundays squash handicap tournament, all standards welcome. Tennis coaching available for non-members.

Additional facilities available under the supervision of selective professionals: loss of weight, body building, massage (steam - oil - shampoo and cream) for ladies and men. For further information contact the recreation department: Tel. 4742000 ext 6788 or 6700.

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**Raft Race '89**  
MAY 2: 8:30 pm. The third captains' meeting of the Kuwait Third Annual Raft Race will be held at the Messiah Beach Hotel. All captains are kindly requested to attend. Newcomers are also welcomed.

● All entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex (22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursday, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

## NIGHT CHEMIST

**Kuwait**  
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Salmiya and Rumailhiya  
Finiqiya Pharmacy  
Salem Al Mubarak St, opp  
Al Zahra Complex  
Fahaeel and Ahmadi  
Al Fajri Pharmacy  
Fahaeel, Makkah St, near Safeway  
Farwanja  
Al Madina Pharmacy  
Al Shamali St.  
Jahra  
Al Abraj Pharmacy  
Dabai Al Khozai St

## CINEMA

**Al Andalus**  
Deadly Pursuit  
Starring: Sydney Poiter, Christy Ila  
Al Salmiya  
Hanna and Her Sisters  
Starring: Rudy Allan, Michel Kane  
Al Hama  
Nico  
Starring: Steve Segal, Gill Whiteclow  
Drive-In  
Al Shaitan Yaghna (Arabic)  
Starring: Mahmood Yaseen, Basi  
Fahaeel Open-air  
Dil Tujhko Diya (Hindi)  
Fahaeel  
Arabic film  
Al Jahra  
Yellow Hair and Fortress of Gold  
Granada  
Arabic film  
Salaikhath  
Onnum Onnum Pathin-onnu  
Al Jebb  
Space Balls  
Ahmadi Drive-In  
Arabic film

## PRAYERS

Fajr	3.46 am
Zuhr	11.46
Asr	3.21 pm
Maghreb	6.21
Isha	7.43

## RAMADAN TIMINGS

Imsak	3.36 am
Iftar	6.21 pm

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV1	KTV2
11:00 Holy Quran	11:00 Just for the Record: moment of achievement are captured on film, just for the record.
11:30 Hadhras Muhammad: religious programme	12:10 Wednesday Feature Film: "Too Young the Hero." Based on a real incident, it tells the story of a young man who produces a fake birth certificate to join the Navy. Despite an heroic record, he is court martialled.
12:15 Cartoons	1:00 News Summary/Holy Quran/Closedown
1:20 Cultural Film	
1:00 News Summary	
1:35 Touta Fi El Marikh: cartoon serial	
2:00 Al Nabi Ha Hona: historical serial (last part)	
3:15 Ashra'at Al Imaan: religious programme	
3:30 Hatab Wa Nar: Arabic serial (Part 7)	
4:30 Musabakat Ramadan: Arabic serial	
5:00 Ashwaqi Bala Hudood: Arabic serial	
6:30 Safinat Al Asdiqa: cartoon Serial	
7:00 Hadith Deeni	
7:15 Al Tam'aen: local children serial	
8:00 Ma'a Al Talabah: weekly programme: prepared by the school activity department at the Education Ministry, directed by Abdullah Ahmad.	
9:00 Fi Khidmat Al Jomhoor: You and Your Health; presented by Rashid Al Owaish.	
9:30 Musabakat Ramadan: 10:00 News in Arabic	
10:50 Khuz Wa Khal: Arabic Serial	
11:45 Assakum Min Ewadah; presented by Rasha Majidi	
12:00 Al Tulutiya (Najib Mahfooz): daily Arabic serial	
1:00 Sahraat Al Lailah: Variety Show, prepared by Darweesh Al Barjawi; presented by Narvana Idris;	
	8:00 Holy Quran
	8:10 Islamic Horizon
	8:20 Cartoons
	8:30 Danger Bay: "Covert Operation." Jonah and a researcher launch efforts to fight for an implant detector.
	9:00 News in English
	9:40 Forty Hadith Qudsi
	9:45 Sony Spoon: "Sam's Private Eye." A private detective is murdered; Sonny vows to find the killer.
	10:30 The Cosby Show: Lit-

## RADIO PROGRAMMES

BBC World Services	0600 World News	30 Jazz for the Asking
	09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary	1100 World News
	09 Financial News	09 News about Britain
	40 Words of Faith	15 Country Style
	45 The World Today	30 Meridian
		1200 Noon News
	0600 Newsdesk	15 They Made Our World
	0700 World News	25 The Farming World
	09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary	45 Sports Roundup
	30 Development '89	1300 World News
	0800 World News	09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
	09 Words of Faith	30 Development '89
	15 Business Matters	1400 Outlook, opening with 5-Minute News
	30 Screenplay	45 Business Matters
	0900 World News	1500 Noon News
	09 British Press Review	15 The Learning World
	15 The World Today	30 After Henry
	30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup	1600 World News
	45 Help Yourself	09 News about Britain
	1000 News Summary followed by Omnibus	15 Ackers Away (ex 30th Bob's Lost Beatles Tapes)
		45 The World Today



By Kathy Cuddihy

ONE of the things I love about this part of the world is that it is still very much a cash society. There's little chance of falling into debt, because not only do you get what you pay for, but you have to pay — immediately — for what you get. Plastic money (credit cards) will not eventually penetrate the market with gusto, but so far it hasn't made a great deal of headway.

Cheques have gained even less currency (if you'll pardon the pun). To anyone who has ever tried unsuccessfully to maintain a balanced chequebook, this is welcome news indeed. For a few months of the year, at least, I don't have to suffer the embarrassment of not even coming close to tallying my cheque stubs with the bank statement — or of coming maddeningly close, and not being able to reconcile those last few pennies.

As much as I like to avoid writing cheques, I do love to receive them. The only thing that spoils this rare delight is the odious task of trying to cash the ruddy things. The irony is that this cash society often looks upon cheques — and the recipients of cheques — with grave suspicion.

There are few exercises which bring me closer to tearing my hair out than

## Cheque-mate

the frustration of banking in this country.

Anywhere else, I simply stand in an orderly line until it's my turn at the teller. It normally takes only a couple of minutes to conduct my uncomplicated business in an uncomplicated manner.

Here, it takes me several minutes just to determine which higgledy-piggledy line I should join. Despite guidance from bank staff, I inevitably end up in the wrong one for some reason or another.

When I finally do reach the right person, further confusion ensues because the name on my iqama seldom corresponds to the name on the cheque. I patiently try to explain that both names legally belong to me, but that some bureaucrat merely forgot to write my full name on this particular document. This argument usually doesn't have a lot of impact.

"Look," I plead, "what is your name?"

"Abdul Aziz," comes a hesitant reply.

"Abdul Aziz. That's a good name, but did your parents give you another name when you were born?" I silently prayed that they had.

"Abdullah," the clerk

confessed, still not sure where the logic was leading.

"Wonderful. Abdul Aziz Abdullah. It's exactly the same with me. I, too, have two names, except people call me by my second name rather than my first. And to complicate matters even more, everyone abbreviates my second name. Rather like they shorten your name to Aziz." I hoped this last bit of reasoning would have the necessary effect.

It definitely gave Abdul Aziz pause for thought, but it didn't fully convince him.

"Look at the photo on my iqama," I persuaded him. "Doesn't it vaguely resemble me? Would anyone other than the owner of such a face dare to present it as their own?"

With reluctance, he relented. But not before convincing me that the whole procedure would be much easier in future if I had an account at the bank.

"Do I really need an account? After all, a writer's paycheck is small change by any measure.

There hardly seems much point in depositing an amount that would probably get lost in the shuffle.

"Oh, you don't have to deposit anything," Abdul

Aziz assured me. "It just simplifies things if you have an account."

I'm not quite sure how it simplified things, or for whom. I still had to stand in lines and go on to several people for signatures on the collection of papers I gathered at every turn. And that was at the bank that "knew" me. If I received cheques issued on any other banks I was again treated with serious suspicion before being permitted to proceed through the bureaucratic maze.

In order to save time, relatively speaking, I occasionally let several months of cheques accumulate and then I would cash them all at once. My driver and I amused ourselves by placing hypothetical bets on how long the routine would take. After almost three years of this, we had refined the estimates to within minutes of accuracy. Until recently.

"Thirty-two minutes," I wagered, as we arrived at the bank.

"Thirty-four," countered my driver.

We were both wrong.

The whole operation took just under eleven minutes.

"What happened?" I asked my old ally Abdul Aziz in astonishment.

"It's easy now," he replied with a smile. "You have an account here."

### Weekly quiz

## What's your money personality?

By Edward Halliwell

1. On a Caribbean vacation you win a week's salary gambling. You:

(a) wire it home so you can't touch it; (b) put it all on one bet; (c) set aside your original bet and gamble the rest; (d) fritter it away on the island.

2. You see the perfect dress, but it costs a fortune. You:

(a) buy it before your conscience says no; (b) ask the store to hold it while you plan how to pay for it; (c) mutter your outrage over how a store can charge so much for a sweater; (d) buy the sweater, reconsider, and take it back the next day.

3. You are surprised to inherit an amount equal to five per cent of your annual salary. You:

(a) take a vacation; (b) make a risky investment, hoping to double the money in one year; (c) put it in a retirement account; (d) put it in your checking account to pay bills.

4. When it comes to saving money, you:

(a) can't do it to save your soul; (b) have become good at it through experience; (c) make a new savings plan every other month; (d) have a fixed-deposit plan for retirement but keep most of the money free to invest.

5. The way you drive a car is (a) cautious and safe; (b) aggressive

but safe; (c) fast and at times reckless; (d) nervous and on the alert.

6. If you could choose one of the following occupations, regardless of income, it would be:

(a) writer; (b) airline pilot; (c) dancer or professional athlete; (d) judge.

7. What is your hope for your children?:

(a) that they take money seriously before it's too late; (b) that they learn that all it takes to make it is confidence and drive; (c) that they have good luck; (d) that they have a good education.

8. What do you look for in a mate in terms of how he deals with money?:

(a) stability; (b) ability to have fun with it; (c) ambition to make more of it; (d) not being too bothered about it.

9. Your Achilles heel about money is:

(a) your ignorance; (b) your inability to control it; (c) your fretfulness; (d) your feeling that you always have to make more.

10. Your worst realistic fear about money is:

(a) putting yourself into overwhelming debt; (b) losing out because you don't understand it.

11. As for your bank balance right now:

(a) you're quite sure

you know what it is; (b) you know roughly what it is; (c) you honestly don't know what it is; (d) you'd really rather not think about it.

12. When you get a bank statement or other financial statement, you:

(a) check it over very carefully; (b) usually can't figure it out; (c) toss it in a drawer and assume the bank is right; (d) go over it quickly, but pay most attention to the bottom line.

13. A quality you admire in yourself is that:

(a) you're always on time; (b) you're not materialistic; (c) you're a high-energy person; (d) you're the life of the party.

14. The reason you don't have as much money as you want is because:

(a) there aren't enough hours in the day; (b) you're too cautious; (c) you throw it away; (d) you don't pay enough attention to it.

15. If you were ever to have an affair, it would be:

(a) a wild fling; (b) a one-night stand; (c) well-planned and enjoyable; (d) something you got hoodwinked into.

16. In the kitchen, you're:

(a) frantic, messy, creative; (b) disorganized, slow; (c) organized, surrounded by cookbooks; (d) organized, fast, clean.

17. In terms of entertaining, you like:

(a) spontaneous bashes; (b) cocktail parties; (c) well-planned dinner parties; (d) informal get-togethers with friends.

18. The best antidote to guilt is:

(a) fixing up whatever you're feeling guilty about; (b) putting it behind you and moving on; (c) going out with people and having some fun; (d) sleep.

19. When it comes to tipping, you:

(a) give the minimum or, if the service is bad, less; (b) usually overtip; (c) reward good service with a big tip; (d) tip well even if the service is mediocre.

20. What you don't know about money:

(a) can't hurt you; (b) you've got to learn; (c) you'll deal with it; (d) will catch you up one way or another.

21. When you think about retirement, you:

(a) wonder what you'll do; (b) hope things won't have collapsed by then; (c) can't imagine retiring; (d) can't wait for the party to begin.

## What your score means

The letter you circled most stands for your money style. Within each style there are different personality types.

### THE SPENDER

You use money as a way to gain freedom and create action. You may choose to take risks where others are cautious, in which case you're a gambler; for you, the hope of winning and the thrill of getting something for nothing makes the risk worthwhile. While you're aggressive with your money, and you want to see it grow — you want to play with it. You may, on the other hand, be an overspender. At one time or another, all of us have spent more than we can afford, and most people must incur debt just to support a family so this money style may simply mean that you are working toward a more solid future. But it can become disabling if it is ongoing.

### K: THE SKEPTIC

You are concerned most with security. You could be a pessimist: when you get a raise, you wonder if the company can afford to pay it; if you win a little money in the lottery, you fear you've used up your supply of good luck when you should have saved it for later. But maybe

you're just a worrier — as many people are when it comes to money. You can't help dwelling on those nagging thoughts: Will the check clear on time? Did I pay too much for that dress? What if the automatic teller machine doesn't record my deposit? If you have total control over your money — if you stockpile against fate and reveal nothing about your finances to others — you're a miser. That doesn't mean you're always tightfisted; you may be generous with others and stingy only when it comes to spending on yourself.

### E: THE ENTHUSIAST

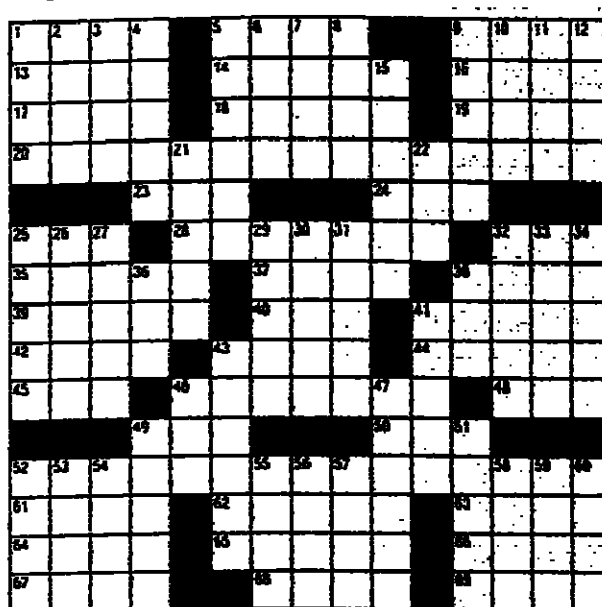
For you, money means power and self-esteem. If you're an optimist, you believe that things will work out for the best. Because of your ability to take setback in stride, you are likely to actually be successful. You think of money the way you do the water supply: You know it could dry up, but you assume it will be there when you need it. You might be a jock (who can be male or female). If so, making lots of money is your main goal; you want to put points on the board. You may have a "coach" — a boss, parent, spouse, or the memory of a cer-

tain person — to egg you on and give you support. Or you could be a hustler — not a cheat, but someone who's always on the alert for a deal. Making money excites you. Your style is direct and unapologetic.

### U: THE UNDERINVOLVED

Considering your finances makes you feel anxious and trapped. There's the bill that comes in at just the wrong time, or the insurance premium that suddenly skyrockets, or the unexpected illness or rise in tuition — even a parking ticket can send you into a state of panic. You're a victim of money, which you see as the unbeatable foe. The dodger also feels overwhelmed by financial burdens — but rather than admitting to panic, simply avoids thinking about problems. You're in this group if you hear yourself saying things like "I just can't deal with this" or "My accountant handles all that" or "I'm no good at math." Every now and then, this style leads to a small crisis — a bank balance way out of whack, lost investments, forgotten obligations. It's likely that you have the intelligence to stare down your money demons, but the idea of doing so makes you feel ill.

### TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 — vu
  - 5 Entreats
  - 9 Hot springs
  - 13 Shakespeare's river
  - 14 Asparagus unit
  - 16 Quote
  - 17 Rested
  - 18 Scorch
  - 19 Door's suffix
  - 20 Pure
  - 23 Thither and —
  - 24 Completion
  - 25 Rangoon weight
  - 28 Rossini or Verdi
  - 32 Paul or Brown
  - 35 Hammering surface
  - 37 Direction on a destroyer
  - 38 Disrepute
  - 39 Secretes
  - 40 — you listening?
  - 41 Part of a hand
  - 42 Barcelona beast
  - 43 Peruse
  - 44 Milk product
  - 45 Some
  - 46 Landscape
  - 48 Compass of
  - 49 Great Lake canals for short
  - 50 Alias, in Augsburg
  - 52 Dance with joy
  - 61 Space
  - 62 "33" food
- DOWN**
- 1 Salvador —
  - 2 Author Hunter
  - 3 Enlist
  - 4 Aggravate
  - 5 Agree
  - 6 Towel
  - 7 Role for Reeves
  - 8 Legend
  - 9 Boil
  - 10 Pocket bread
  - 11 Partide
  - 12 Croatan
  - 15 Install again
  - 21 Curlicues
  - 22 — Arbor
  - 25 Trattoria specialty
  - 26 Actress Susan
  - 27 Type of tower
  - 29 Speedily
  - 30 Navigation system
  - 31 Goodnight girl of song
  - 32 Aliys
  - 33 Actress Sommer et al.

### GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

#### CAREFUL TECHNIQUE PAYS OFF

Both vulnerable. South deals.

**NORTH**

♠ 7 5 2

♥ 6 3 2

♦ A 7 5 3

♣ K 6 4

**WEST**

♠ 9 4 3

♥ 10 9 5 4

♦ J 6

♣ J 9 8 3

**EAST**

♠ A Q J 8 7

♥ A Q 10 4 2

♦ Q 10

**SOUTH**

♠ A K Q J 10 6

♥ K

♦ 9 8

♣ A 7 5 2

The bidding:

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 1 NT 2 ♣

3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass

Pass

Opening lead: Ten of ♣

Terrible things can happen on Friday the 13th. That's why you have to pay extra care as declarer to avoid catastrophe.

South was a whisker short of a jump to four spades. North, with two prime cards and three trumps, had no hesitation about accepting his partner's invitation—remember, aces and kings are undervalued in the point count.

East rose with the ace on partner's heart lead and continued with the queen, ruffed by declarer. Faced with a certain loser in each minor suit, declarer's problem was to avoid losing a second club trick.

That would be easy enough if clubs were to break 3-3 or trumps 2-2. But what if clubs were 4-2 and trumps 3-1?

If declarer does not draw trumps and plays three rounds of clubs, the defenders might be able to lead a fourth club and overruff dummy. If declarer were to draw two rounds of trumps and then try three rounds of clubs, a defender might be able to lead another trump to eliminate dummy's ruffing ability.

The secret of success is surprisingly simple. Declarer should draw only one round of trumps and then duck a club. Suppose a defender wins and returns a trump—as good a defense as any. Declarer must leave the last trump outstanding and cash the king and ace of clubs.

If clubs are 3-3, declarer draws the last trump and claims his contract—the 13th club is high. If clubs are 4-2, declarer must hope that the player with the long trumps also has four clubs, so that he can ruff his club loser on the table.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

LOPIE BESIS MESH

SAIRAN OMEN APITA

AMBIT AURA RILL

RAINIER ARTICLE

ASTEROID OPERA

DETACH ANGER

SAC INS PINERO

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HAS BEEN BEATRIX

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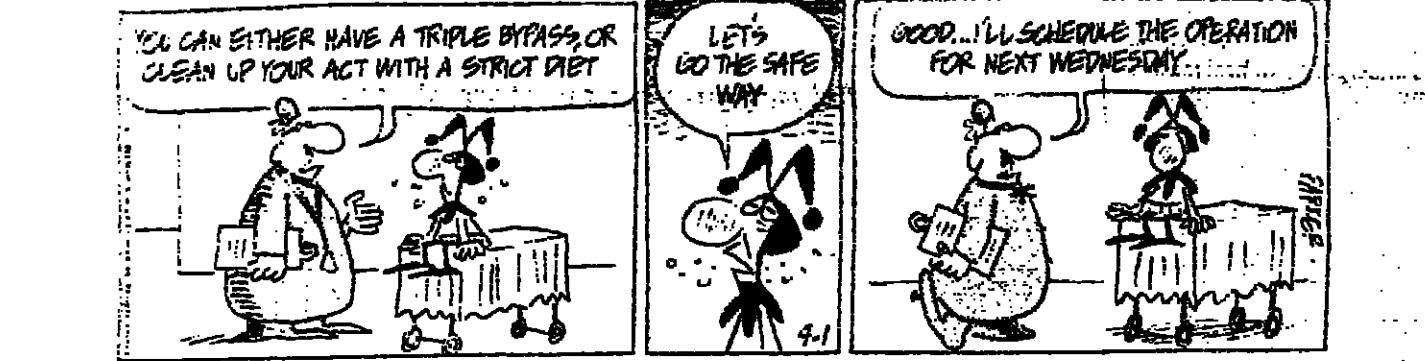
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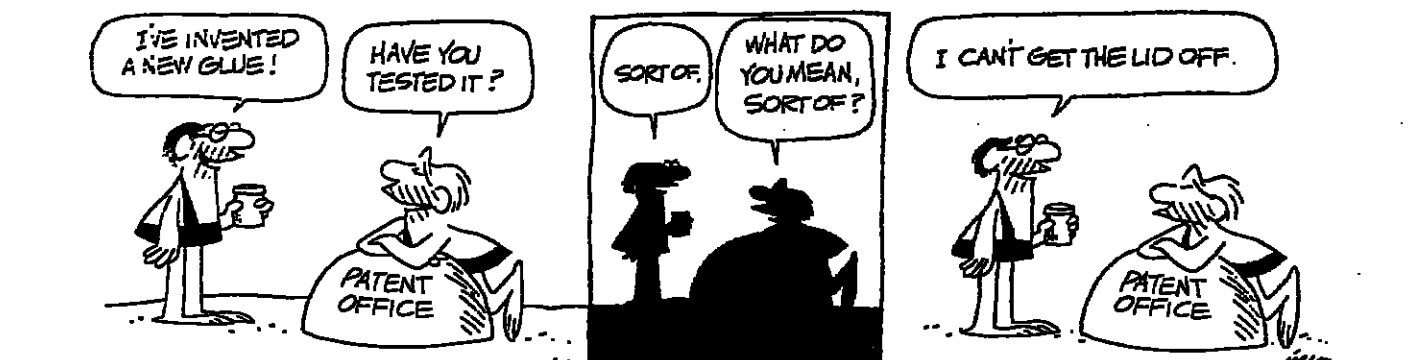
### THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



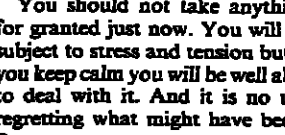
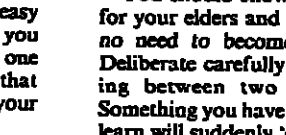
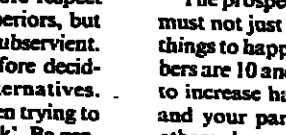






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By Johnny Hart

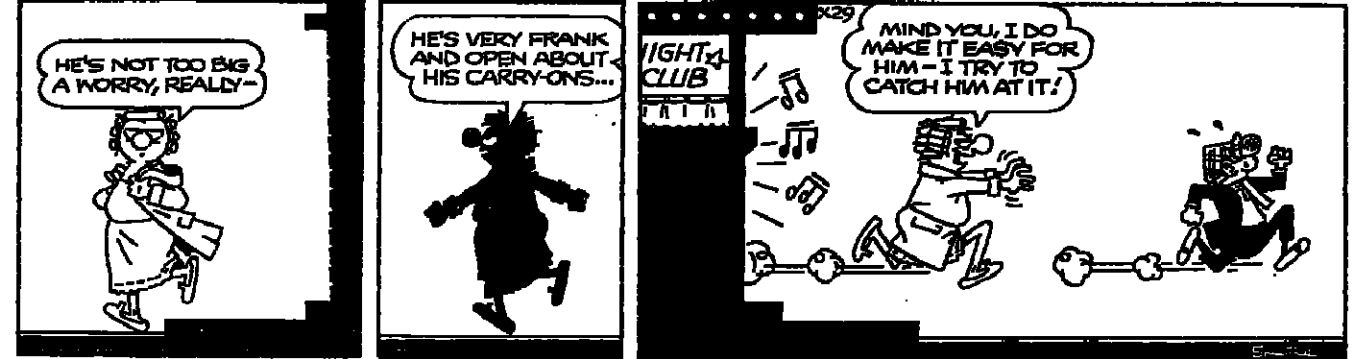


### YOUR STARS

 <p><b>Aries (March 20 - April 18)</b></p> <p>You should not take anything for granted just now. You will be subject to stress and tension but if you keep calm you will be well able to deal with it. And it is no use regretting what might have been. Be courteous.</p>	 <p><b>Cancer (June 21 - July 21)</b></p> <p>You will not find it quite so easy to make up your mind. And you must beware of wavering from one thing to another. Make sure that your partner knows all about your intentions. Be honest.</p>	 <p><b>Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)</b></p> <p>You should show more respect for your elders and superiors, but no need to become subservient. Deliberate carefully before deciding between two alternatives. Something you have been trying to learn will suddenly "click". Be generous.</p>	 <p><b>Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan 19)</b></p> <p>The prospects are good only you must not just sit back and wait for things to happen. Your lucky numbers are 10 and 22. You will be able to increase harmony between you and your partner. Do not expect others always to play your tune. Be cordial.</p>
 <p><b>Taurus (April 19 - May 19)</b></p> <p>You should not think too much about what might never happen. You are liable to overestimate your abilities and this might create problems for you. Avoid eating too many sweet things and drink only sparingly. Be a little more moderate.</p>	 <p><b>Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)</b></p> <p>You will be better able to find a proper balance between your reasons and emotions. You will be more persuasive but some things cannot be achieved this notwithstanding. Avoid spending money in the hope that you might have some good luck. Be trustworthy.</p>	 <p><b>Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)</b></p> <p>Take care that you do not offend anyone and try not to do anything indiscreet. Listen carefully to what others are saying. Avoid jumping to conclusions or relying on guesswork. Be reasonable.</p>	 <p><b>Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)</b></p> <p>There will be some positive factors but you must not just gloss over the negative ones that also exist. You will require all your ingenuity to deal with an unusual obstacle. You should avoid trying bluff or subterfuge. Be considerate.</p>
 <p><b>Gemini (May 20 - June 20)</b></p> <p>If you have been thinking of giving up smoking now is a good time to set about it. You should try to avoid getting mixed up in something that is really no concern of yours. Make sure you do not do anything that would be bad for your health. Be consistent.</p>	 <p><b>Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)</b></p> <p>You will be able to do something more positive but only if you make an extra effort to do so. Avoid thinking you are too old. If you think you are, then maybe you are. Try to keep on the right side of a friend who has married. Be cordial.</p>	 <p><b>Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)</b></p> <p>You will be able to further a project in which you are most interested. Do not buy anything merely because you cannot get exactly what you want. You will tend to be rather impulsive and should try to restrain yourself. Be assiduous.</p>	 <p><b>Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)</b></p> <p>You will be pushed for time but must not drop your standards. Do not do anything inconsistent with what you have already done. Avoid exaggerations and keep within the limits of propriety. Be dependable.</p>

### ANDY CAPP

By Smith





WOMEN

# Women's rights: an uphill battle

By Leon Daniel

WASHINGTON, (UPI): Much more than an abortion-rights march, what happened last week in Washington was a massive protest against the global war on women.

The march on the capitol was a tactic in the battle to keep abortion legal, but it also meshed with overall strategy in the larger struggle for women's rights.

Many of the marchers know that violence against women is a world-wide tragedy of horrifying dimensions, particularly in the Third World.

Some of them, just before marching, read more about it in the Washington Post in an article by Lori Heise, a senior researcher at the Worldwatch Institute.

"Violence against women — including, assault, mutilation, murder, infanticide, rape and cruel neglect — is perhaps the most pervasive yet least recognized human-rights issue in the world," Heise wrote.

In Nicaragua, for example, 44 per cent of men admit to beating their wives or girlfriends.

Female babies die from neglect in Nepal because parents value sons over daughters.

Brides in India are murdered by husbands when their dowry is inadequate.

In the United States, a woman is beaten every 15 seconds.

And so, depressingly, it goes — on and on.

Five years ago, in an interview in suburban Richmond, Virginia, a mother of four sat in her living room and asked me if I would like to see what had been done to her without her permission by a surgeon.

She then removed her blouse and exposed to me a patch of flesh where her left breast had been.

Her surgeon had assured her he would remove from her breast only what he had told her was "a harmless little lump."

But, after four hours of surgery, she awakened with excruciating pain to discover she had undergone a radical mastectomy.

She learned later that her husband had given permission for the surgery while she was unconscious.

So I thought of her as I watched the marchers protest the Supreme Court's decision to hear a case that could effectively overturn many of the protections granted women under the court's 1973 Roe vs. Wade case that legalized abortion.

Several hundred counter-demonstrators assembled nearby, chanting "what about the babies?"

One pro-choice demonstrator carried a sign in front of the anti-abortion group reading: "Jerry Falwell, where's your adopted AIDS baby?"

The nightmarish experience of the victim I interviewed in Richmond prompted her to work for legislation requiring prior consent of the woman before such surgery could be performed.

My outrage at what had been done to her did not prevent me from asking her a dumb question.

"Are you a feminist?" I inquired.

Mastectomy is not a feminist issue," she replied quietly. "It's a human issue."

So is the right of a woman to choose for herself an abortion, I thought as I watched what was heralded as the largest march ever for women's rights.

Why does it matter that President Bush is opposed to abortion? He'll never need one.

## Poor planning of domestic chores leads to tiredness

# Why women suffer exhaustion

By Claire Rayner

THE normal state of the average wife and mother, it sometimes seems, is exhaustion. With so many mothers holding down paid jobs as well as caring for a family, perhaps that seems reasonable. Or is it? It could be argued that modern houses, equipment design and the convenience foods now available should have released women from the tyranny of housework.

But, however convincing the arguments, there can be little doubt that many women do complain of constant tiredness. Why do they get so weary, and what can be done to avoid it?

Obviously, if a woman is suffering from anaemia, hormonal disorders, arthritis, or depression, she'll get exhausted easily. The problem then is her health and she needs medical treatment. Once that's organised, she'll probably be able to cope without getting worn out.

But there are other causes that are not so easy to deal with. Far too often women will say "I've got too much to do" or "the day just isn't long enough" or whatever, but in fact in most cases the exhaustion is due not to too much of some things, but too little of others.

**Lack of esteem**  
Very few women regard domestic work as important. Necessary, yes, but important? Never. Because they aren't paid directly for it they regard cleaning and cooking as something that is not to be treated significantly.

The only work they consider valuable is that with a tangible cash reward. And because the woman with domestic responsibilities is often limited in her choice of paid jobs she will regard that as unimportant. "I've got a little job," she will say, meaning it's part-time and it pays less than her husband's does, that it takes just as much effort seems not to be noticed. This lack of self-esteem makes her feel guilty



when she's tired after putting in 36 hours at an outside job, and then another 60 or 70 at home. And guilt makes you tired.

**Lack of planning**  
As a direct outcome of not regarding domestic work as important, it's rare for a woman to bring to it the sort of management skills that are needed to plan any other sort of job. If housework were done in factories, ways would be found to group tasks so that they'd be done with the greatest economy of effort, to assess which could be done away with, to decide how to equip the workplace, to work out how to

trim jobs of unnecessary labour, and so on. If such thought is applied to housework, it's amazing how it reduces the strain.

**Lack of rewards**  
Because women themselves take their efforts at home and for the family for granted, so do the family. Clothes are taken off dirty and reappear in drawers and cupboards clean and ironed. To the family it's like the sunrise: an inevitable event that needs no comment. To the woman who has done the work, it's like a slap in the face. And it's very wearing indeed to be slapped over and over again.

**Lack of support**  
Far too few spouses and children take their share of domestic work, even when a woman has an outside job as well. And women often allow them to get away with doing nothing at home on the grounds that they themselves take it as normal that it's a mother's responsibility to take care of the home (it isn't; it's the responsibility of everyone who lives in it, of course); and that it's "less trouble" to do it themselves than to teach their spouse or children how to.

**Lack of stimulus**  
As a result of the lack of planning and esteem for housework, many women find it desperately boring. Let's face it, shovelling dirt from one place to another is no occupation for an intelligent person. If a woman spends too much time over housework, or a boring "little job" she'll sink into boredom. And there's nothing more exhausting.

**Lack of exercise**  
It's a paradoxical fact that the more women have to do, the less exercise they get. We sit at desks, sit at workbenches, sit to feed children and so on. We may be aware of intense pressure to get things done, but the calories we expend are few. And lack of exercise makes you sluggish. A half-hour workout, or a swim or a job, can perk up your energy levels and improve your production of endorphins, those inner stimulants which make you feel so much better.

**Lack of self-care**  
Because of poor planning which fails to build in time for the woman to use for her own needs, because of lack of self-esteem and lack of exercise, many women do not look after their health. They eat odds and ends, sleep badly, wake weary and therefore eat even less, rest even less and exercise even less. They get into a downwards spiral that can result in illness. And ill people are tired people.

## Tips on running your life without tiredness

**FOLLOW** these guidelines and you could do a lot to get rid of the bone tiredness that you think is inevitable. Believe me, it isn't.

■ Work expands to fill the time allotted to it — and shrinks in the same way. If you allow a whole day to get the house clean it will take that long. Aim to get it done by eleven and free yourself for better things, and it will be done.

■ Tidy beats clean hands down. Your house can be as sterile as an operating theatre, but if it looks messy it will depress you and tire you. Make sure the whole family puts things back in the right place and it won't matter if there's a little dust in corners.

■ Little and often is less tiring than big jobs. A small daily wash and iron beats the once-a-week slog. Never iron

unless you must. Creased sheets couldn't matter less. Shirt look fine as long as sleeves and collars are done.

■ Never think you're the only one able to do a job. Five-year-olds make excellent washer-uppers once they're taught. Men can sew, change nappies, clean the loo and make the supper — as long as you take it for granted they can and will. To exclude

them from such tasks as "too slow" is to make a classic rod for your own back.

■ It doesn't always have to be done your way. You can wear yourself out trying to make sure the family washes up in your style, or cooks your way, but why? Go and put your feet up and let them get on with it. The less you watch them, the less tired you'll get. And it will still get done.

■ Expect them to share. Don't say "They're very good" because they wash up once in a blue moon. Never be like the woman interviewed on TV about being selected as a "Wonder Mum". "My husband is very good to me. I go out for a little part-time job and he looks after my children for me..." she said. My children, forsooth! Now, she's a woman who deserves to get over-tired!

## Advertising's new stereotypes

# Male bimbos in fashion

By Ian Ball

THERE is bound to be discomfort in some quarters whenever the social metronome adopts a new beat.

Right now, being male in the United States has its vulnerable side. We are in the Year of the Wimp, a chastening time when Madison Avenue has decreed that sexy or nerd-ish men are its hottest selling tools.

Consider my unsexist, unsexy and, I trust, unnerd-ish day:

The NBC morning news is interrupted for a commercial in which an easy-going hubby gets his favourite sugared doughnut square in the kisser from his wife's powerful right because he will not eat the roughage and natural goodness in the breakfast cereal she prefers.

A few minutes later, there is another commercial for a rival cereal. Suburban husband and wife are playing doubles and she, perfectly cooed-in, is whizzing them back like Steffi Graf. He muffs every serve — and manages to get one across the net only when the ball hits him on the head.

At the office, the issue of Ms magazine, unofficial bible of the feminist movement, has a perfume advertisement in which a businesswoman is patting a businessman's behind as they walk down the street.

The night's sit-com is Roseanne, the new television season's runaway success, headed by the blubbery Roseanne Barr. Men to her are "stine," and she is doing some early brainwashing of her television show son. "You're not stupid," she tells him. "You're just clumsy like your daddy."

Her philosophy perhaps was best summed up by this remark: "You may marry the man

of your dreams, ladies, but 15 years later you are married to a reclining chair that burps."

The New York Times brought such matters to national attention the other day with a commentary by a television news correspondent, Bernard Goldberg.

"In matters of gender discrimination, it has become part of the accepted orthodoxy — of many feminists and a lot of the media anyway — that only women have the right to complain," he wrote. "Men have no such right. Which helps explain why there have been so many commercials ridiculing men — and getting away with it."

"Advertisers are afraid to fool around with women's roles... Men are fair game."

Fair game, as well, in a secondary meaning of the adjective. Along Madison Avenue and in the commercial photo studios in Manhattan, Chicago and Los Angeles, the male model who can look and act like a bimbo is assured of employment these days.

"The culture right now is a peculiar, complicated, post-feminist, post-macho wasteland," says Miss Barbara Lippert, senior advertising critic of the trade journal Adweek.

"Advertising, with its tradition of depicting half-naked, half-witted women to push its message across, has a new stereotype — man in all his ugliness, the hunk as bimbo, the hunk as wimp."

Vogue magazine launched the male-bashing season with a cover on its American edition that caused some double-takes among readers. "Men — the new bimbos?" read the teaser line. "Send in the wimps."

In her analysis, Lippert said that "modern man as designer sex object" could be traced back a few years to provocative underwear advertisements for Calvin Klein showing "a



The cheeky perfume advert which managed to reverse traditional roles.

gorgeous young man clad only in a pair of white briefs.

"This new graphic look — of redefining and objectifying male beauty — grew out of a gay aesthetic, but once its power to sell was proven, it became another household image."

"Concurrently, the women's movement changed sexual politics; it was okay for the women to be the new sexual hunters and, as a result, naked men started showing up in ads outside the sophisticated realm of fashion and fragrance."

So far afield, in fact, that it has even reached the world of soap operas. A detergent manufacturer has introduced a commercial in which a man bumps and grinds his way into freshly washed clothing.

Miss Martha Farnsworth Riche, senior editor of the trade journal American Demographics, attributes such male-bashing in advertising to the fact that "essentially, women have fired men — they don't feel they need them in their lives."

## Food may affect mood

OLD wives' tales about oysters and asparagus have more than a grain of truth in them — food really can affect your mood, it seems.

A solicitor in the UK representing a youth with a string of theft offences recently persuaded a court that bad eating habits were to blame for his client's behaviour. The boy, who who craved sweets and carbohydrates, was found to lack zinc and have high levels of metal in his body.

He faced a possible year's detention, but his defence successfully argued that in fact he needed a course of nutritional supplements. The boy's behaviour improved dramatically.

"There are a large number of chemicals in food, plant and animal food, which we know influence mood and consequent behaviour," says Professor David Conling, director-general of the British Nutrition Foundation. "Meat, for example, is well-known for producing a sense of tranquility."

Dr Caroline Shreeve, author of Mood Food, agrees protein-rich foods can help lighten your mood.



Jill Ireland: the reality behind the movie-star facade is not always pretty

## Hollywood life — minus the glitz

By Ivor Davis

MALIBU, Calif: The day Jill Ireland went to the hospital to pick up the new baby she and her then-husband David McCallum were adopting McCallum was out of town, so her lover Charles Bronson came instead. It is revelations such as this that make Ireland's new book Life Lines (Warner Books) shocking.

While Ireland's first best seller Life Wish (1987: Little, Brown) chronicled the actress' battle with breast cancer, its sequel is a harsher, more honest baring of her family life and marriage. The reality behind the movie-star facade is not always pretty.

The baby, named Jason, picked up at 2-days-old in a black Cadillac, grew up to become a heroin addict. Ireland tells the story of her futile attempts to help him while supervising four elaborate homes and traveling the world with her new husband — movie star Bronson — seven children from their previous marriages, nannies and pets.

Then she got cancer, not a small lump but a large, advanced tumor that by the time it was discovered had metastasized into eight lymph nodes. She underwent a radical mastectomy, chemotherapy and radiation. She was barely over that when her father suffered a series of strokes and was left unable to communicate.

Many women would have gone mad. Ireland picked up her pen and started writing again. Life Lines tells the whole incredible story — unvarnished, unsanitized, real. No sooner had she finished it than she was hit with the coup de grace — her cancer had recurred. The whole cycle was starting again.

I found out my son was a heroin addict two weeks after I finished my chemotherapy," says Ireland. "I was under a tremendous amount of stress. My marriage was under a lot of strain. I was just getting over cancer and chemotherapy, now we were dealing with an addict, the demands and needs of a bunch of other children, several households. I had to learn I couldn't be general manager of the world."

For a well-brought-up English girl it was difficult to learn to concentrate on No. 1. "I had to teach the children to do things for themselves, otherwise it was taking precious strength from me. I finally realized there was nothing wrong with being selfish. I don't go crazy anymore. Now I realize I'm in more trouble than they are and I can't do anything for them if I die," she says.

In addition to working hard on her first book, Ireland also travelled the lecture circuit as chairwoman of the American Cancer Society. "I was getting more and more tired," she says. "I had no energy. I should have known. That's always the first

sign it's coming back." Still, it came as a shock when her cancer recurred last July. Ireland, 52, who could easily pass for 35, has a soft voice. Her deceptively fragile looks have often fooled people into taking her lightly, as a sort of pretty adjunct to the strong, macho Bronson. Not anymore.

"Sometimes people have mistaken my quietness for weakness," she says. "But I don't think I was ever this quiet little English person. I may have become more traditional when I married Charlie (in 1968) because the qualities he appreciated were those of quiet femininity, but that wasn't really me."

When she discovered the new cancer she was both angry and bitter. "I knew the original tumor was large, but I was unsophisticated about it. Before it turned up again I didn't think it was really me they were talking about... I was able to distance myself from the Jill Ireland who had written a best seller," she says.

The cancer and her son's addiction blew away any remaining traces of reticence. "Drug addiction is the national disease," she says. "Addicts talk about only two things — how to get off drugs and how to get their next fix. When you have someone in the family who is an addict, along with the pain you feel shame."

Helping her cope with the shame was former first lady Betty Ford. "I love that woman," says Ireland. "She helped me so much. She made me realize you can't waste time feeling shame."

Bronson hasn't read her first book and when he heard she was writing a second one he was angry, accusing her of selfishness in wanting to vent her feelings without worrying about the effect on the rest of the family.

"Charlie is a private man," says Ireland. "He was probably going through the same feelings of embarrassment and shame for his son. Hopefully, now he realizes the more you open up, the quicker things get better."

She says Bronson's attitude has changed somewhat. He understands her need to express herself, but he still refuses to read her books. "I tell him to go out and play golf or something. How could I expect any man to cope with this? Today, however, he is rounding up my medical records. He is very supportive," she says.

Jason, 27, a would-be actor who is still recovering from the addiction that almost killed him, read his mother's book. "He read it twice and cried and said, 'I'm proud of you, Mom. If it can help one kid, and it might, it'll be worth it,'" she says.

Ireland is currently promoting her book in America and Britain, but was set to cancel her energy. She is planning to produce a new movie, begin another book and contemplates acting.

## Women: the power behind the throne

By Mark R. Horowitz

THE public is aware of strong-willed first ladies who have influenced their presidential husbands in the decision-making process.

In recent years, Nancy Reagan has been both praised and criticized for her involvement in policymaking, and in another era Eleanor Roosevelt often ruled the roost during FDR's heyday in office.

The same is no doubt true in the business world, although the wives of corporate leaders are less conspicuous. Claire Luce Booth no doubted played a major role in the machinations of her publisher husband, Henry.

And although Bonnie Swearingen plays the socialite role, one wonders how much influence she had over her husband John during his years at the helm of the former Standard Oil of Indiana, now known as Amoco.

More than 800 years ago, a strong-willed woman helped her husband not only implement his business at hand — becoming king — but helped carve out a new country: Portugal.

In 1095, King Alfonso VI of Castile and Leon gave his daughter, Theresa, in marriage to a famous crusader, Henry of Burgundy. As part of the package, Henry received a parcel of land from the domain of Leon called Portugal, after the Roman seaport of Portus Cale.

Henry, however, wanted to be a king, not a count beholden to his father-in-law. So he and his wife schemed to make their lands a separate, independent kingdom.

Unfortunately, Theresa's husband died in 1112, but that didn't stop her from continuing their quest. Through her efforts, the upper classes became indoctrinated with the notion of an independent Portugal, and she helped fortify Portuguese cities for war.

Theresa led her armies into battle — when she wasn't busy receiving visits from poets, musicians and lovers.

The going was not easy. At various times she was defeated, captured, deposed and reinstated. When she finally died in 1130, it was in exile with her lover.

But Theresa had been a good teacher to her son, Alfonso I Henriques (1128-1185), who now took it upon himself to achieve what his mother set out to do.

When the king of Castile promised Alfonso any land he could capture from the occupying armies of the Moors, the son of Theresa plunged headlong into battle to carve out a large country he could call his own.

In 1139 at Ourique, Alfonso defeated the Moors, thus creating the possibility of establishing a large kingdom under his rule. The king of Castile was hardly thrilled at the news — even though he had promised Alfonso any land he could wrest from the Moors.

The matter of who owned the land went before the Pope, who favoured the claim of Castile. But Alfonso, as was his mother, was not one to give up. He offered to hold the lands of Portugal as a domain under the auspices of the papacy, and even agreed to pay an annual tribute to the Pope.

It was an offer too good to turn down. In 1143, the Pope recognized Alfonso as king of Portugal, this fulfilling the dream of his father and mother.

It cannot be proven that behind every successful man there is a woman pushing him on, especially today when women are doing just fine on their own. But it sure doesn't hurt the male of the species to have the support and courage of his mate.

Such support is the stuff kingdoms are carved from, by the children if not by mother herself.

## FAMILY DOCTOR

By Dr Allan Bruckheim

**QUESTION:** While visiting my son in Minnesota, he invited me to take a brisk walk before supper. The evening was cold, with snow on the ground, but there was good footing along the road. We hadn't made a half mile before I experienced a tightness in my chest, a dry cough and wheezing. I could barely breathe. A rapid trip to an emergency room convinced everyone that my problem wasn't a heart attack. When I returned home to Florida, I rushed home one evening walking further and faster than in Minnesota, and nothing happened. There has to be a logical explanation. Do you know what it might be?

**ANSWER:** With the data you provide, and the fact that you have been cleared of any cardiac problems, my best guess is that you suffered an attack of exercise-induced asthma, provoked by the cold climate. It's asthma, provoked by a pulmonary function test, along with a better history and examination.

The asthma-like attack is caused when the airways, or small tubes that carry the air to and from the lungs, contract because of irritation or reaction to certain substances. In the

## COLD AIR MAY HAVE CAUSED ATTACK

case of exercising, even a brisk walk in the snow, it's possible that the dry air you were breathing dehydrated the airways and caused them to contract. When you performed the same activity in the warm, moist air of your home town, the factors that caused the attack previously were absent, and so there was no attack.

Because this is but one answer to an interesting medical situation, I strongly advise a thorough examination, with special attention to your past history and the necessary tests to establish the performance patterns of your lungs.

**QUESTION:** I visited my sister in her new home last week. She put on a great show that all was well, but I noticed some actions by a brother-in-law that were worrisome. He just wasn't right. Would you please list some of the symptoms of depression that might help me solve this problem?

**ANSWER:** A short visit may not have been adequate enough to provide you with the clues you are seeking, but I will give you some important information to think about. Depressed patients always seem to be sad and may even break into tears over little things,

such as watching an incident on a television show that is not particularly distressing to others. They feel tired most of the time, even when they have had adequate rest.

They are usually irritable, become upset rapidly and tend to be bothered by little items and insignificant incidents. They're not much to be around since they have no enthusiasm for new projects and no feelings of enjoyment even for pastimes they once relished. Headaches are frequent symptoms, as are complaints about indigestion and constipation. Loss of interest in food may lead to weight loss. When they do talk, they may express feelings of being unworthy or guilty, unwanted and unneeded.

Frankly speaking, this is not a condition in which you should be playing amateur detective. Get back on that phone and call your sister for an honest and concerned discussion. If these symptoms are present, and she may be aware of others, it's time for professional help since depression can be alleviated in many ways, effectively and rapidly. To ignore it may invite tragedy.



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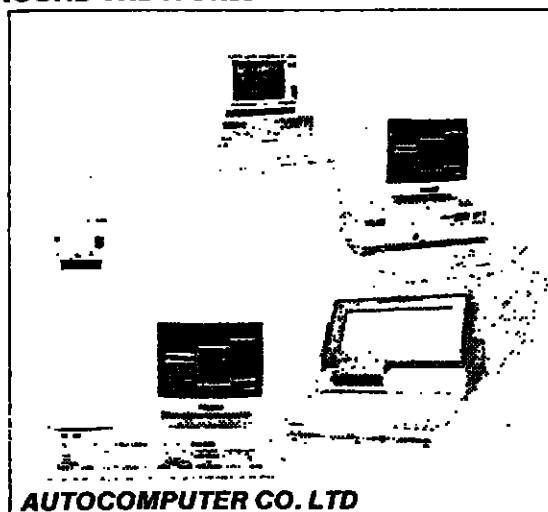
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# SPORTS

## No room in Barcelona for 1992 Games spectators

BARCELONA, April 25. (Reuters) Spectators at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics will have to stay up to an hour's drive away because all accommodation in the city is earmarked for athletes, reporters and officials.

Press chief Pedro Palacios told reporters yesterday that Barcelona itself would be reserved for the estimated 138,000 participants in the Games, as well as media, security and technical staff.

About 750,000 beds within an hour's drive of the city would be available for spectators, he said.

He was speaking after the organisers presented a three-hour report on Games preparations to the executive board of the International Olympic Committee (IOC). It was described by one IOC official as "honest, frank and direct."

Palacios said Barcelona had about 20,000 hotel beds at the moment and plans were in hand to build at least five new hotels and possibly 12 more.

City officials are known to fear the new hotels may leave Barcelona with more rooms than it needs after the Games.

Athletes and journalists will be housed in special villages. As well as hotels, games staff and officials will stay in colleges, private houses and luxury ships anchored in the harbour of the Mediterranean port.

Mayor Pasqual Maragall told a news conference the IOC's insistence on inviting a large number of guests, including nearly 10,000 from sponsor companies, had contributed to the strain on the city's accommodation.

Barcelona's international airport will be improved for the Games and two ring roads built around the city. There are also plans to flatten the steep 1.8 km (1.1 mile) final stretch of the proposed marathon approaching the Montjuich stadium.

Maragall said the IOC executive board had not questioned the organisers about security arrangements.

The Spanish government is known to be concerned that the Basque separatist group ETA (Basque Homeland and Freedom), might try to disrupt the Games, although Maragall said violent attacks in Barcelona had declined.

## Deer takes Brewers past tough Twins

NEW YORK, April 25, (AP) Rob Deer hit a two-run homer with two outs in the ninth inning off Jeff Reardon to give the Milwaukee Brewers a 5-4 victory over the Minnesota Twins last night.

The Twins had taken a 4-3 lead in the top of the ninth when Dan Gladden homered and Kent Hrbek hit a sacrifice fly off reliever Dan Plesac.

With one out in the bottom of the ninth, Gary Sheffield singled and moved to second on Robin Yount's grounder to short.

Deer, who had struck out three times in four previous at-bats fouled off four pitches before hitting his fifth home run of the season.

Reardon fell to 0-1 and Dan Plesac, 1-0, pitched 1-2-3 innings for the victory.

Rickey Henderson drove in two runs with a bases-loaded single during a four-run fourth inning as New York beat Cleveland 6-3.

Alexander, 2-1, got the victory, the Yankees' seventh in 10 games since they ended a seven-game losing streak. They split the four-game series in Cleveland after losing three straight to the Indians in New York the first weekend of the season.

Doyle Alexander pitched a seven-inning shutout and Torey Lovullo hit a sacrifice fly as Detroit edged Seattle 1-0.

Alexander, 3-0, walked five and struck out none. Mark Langston, 2-3, gave up five hits, walked three and struck out four in seven innings.

Tony Phillips doubled home the tying and winning runs with one out in the ninth inning to give Oakland a 5-4 victory over Toronto extending the Athletics' winning streak to six games.

Jim Abbott, who had struggled in his two previous starts, won his first Major League game with six strong innings as the California Angels beat the Baltimore Orioles 3-2.

Abbott, the 1988 Olympic hero for the gold medal-winning US team, allowed the two runs on four hits and three walks. He struck out one and had one wild pitch.

Results	
American League	
6	Cleveland
5	Minnesota
1	Seattle
1	Baltimore

## Jansher and Dittmar sail into semifinals

PARIS, April 25, (Reuters) Top seeds Jansher Khan and Chris Dittmar sailed through to the semifinals of the Paris Men's Open yesterday, sweeping aside their opponents with a minimum of effort.

Number one seed Jansher dispatched New Zealander Rory Watt, the tournament's last surviving qualifier, 9-0 9-4 9-2.

The world number two controlled almost every rally, moving easily around the court and waiting for his opponent to make mistakes.

Number two seed Dittmar of Australia had a similarly comfortable victory, but over an opponent who should have been harder to beat — compatriot and world number six Chris Robertson.

A combination of accuracy and low

driving shots, many of them dying before hitting the back wall, were too much for an out-of-form Robertson.

The result of that match must have come as a relief to Jansher, however. It was Robertson who knocked him out of the British Open two weeks ago.

To the disappointment of the crowd at the tiny Paris venue, where a capacity crowd means around 40 people including the umpire, both Jansher and Dittmar have yet to be really tested in the tournament.

In the other quarterfinals, young Pakistani Mir Zaman Gul made a superb comeback against compatriot Zarak Jahan Khan and England's Del Harris beat Australia's Rodney Martin.

After losing the first game 9-0 and the

second 9-6, Gul looked to have very little chance of survival.

But he found his form in the third game as his drop shots began to hit their mark, unnerving his opponent — along with a series of disputed decisions. Gul finally won the match 9-6 9-9 7-9 5-9-4.

Seventh-seed Harris also faced an out-of-form opponent. He beat fifth-seed Martin 9-6 9-2 9-0.

### Results

- 1-Jansher Khan (Pakistan) bt Rory Watt (New Zealand) 9-0 9-4 9-2.
- 2-Chris Dittmar (Australia) bt 5-Chris Robertson (Australia) 9-4 9-0 9-4.
- Mir Zaman Gul (Pakistan) bt Zarak Jahan Khan (Pakistan) 9-6 9-9 7-9 5-9-4.
- 7-Del Harris (England) bt 4-Rodney Martin (Australia) 9-6 9-2 9-0.

## Jamaica struggle for runs

### Sanjeev Sharma takes three wickets

KINGSTON, April 25, (Reuters) Cleveland Davidson hit 74 as Jamaica found it hard to score runs against India on the third day of their four-day match yesterday.

Jamaica ended the day at 281 for eight in reply to India's first innings score of 586. The Jamaicans still need another 106 runs to avoid the follow-on, which India however are unlikely to enforce.

With the final Test against the West Indies starting here on Friday, and India 2-0 down in the four-Test series, India are expected to seek as much batting practice as possible.

Davidson, a forceful 28-year-old right-hander, made his first-class debut for Jamaica in 1983 but scored his first century only in this season's regional Red Stripe Cup.

He continued to show that good form, hitting five fours in his three and a half hour stay at the wicket.

After giving one difficult return chance to Robin Singh on 51, Davidson was out to the first ball after tea. He pushed only half-forward and was leg before to Sanjeev Sharma, giving the young seam bowler his third wicket.

Another batsman to make an impression was Robert Samuels, an 18-year-old left-hander making his first-class debut. Samuels was 14 overnight, out of Jamaica's total of 70 for two and played some fine shots in his 46, made in three hours.



Sanjeev Sharma: put Jamaica in trouble

He was finally deceived by Narendra Hirwani and edged a catch to Dilip Vengsarkar at first slip five minutes before lunch.

Jimmy Adams, 32 overnight, went after only 28 minutes of play when he tried to turn Sanjeev Sharma through mid-wicket but was adjudged leg before for

38. The other success for the Indians was the dismissal of Mark Neita, a heavily-built all-rounder who scored an aggressive 36 in 80 minutes before becoming Ajay Sharma's first first-class victim of the tour. Neita was caught behind off an

under-edge after trying to pull, bringing to an end the best partnership of the innings, a fifth-wicket stand of 67 in 10 overs with Davidson.

### Scoreboard

INDIA first innings	286
N. Sidhu c and b Carter	5
W. Raman b Gordon	2
S. Manjrekar run out	57
M. Azharuddin b Perry	1
D. Vengsarkar c Davidson b Banton	111
A. Sharma c Morgan b Carter	57
R. Singh lbw b Tucker	10
S. Karim lbw b Tucker	2
C. Sharma c Banton b Carter	7
M. Venkataratnam not out	15
N. Hirwani lbw b Perry	11
Extras (b-2, lb-3, nb-19)	24
Total	586

Fall of wickets: 1-10, 2-125, 3-129, 4-267, 5-485, 6-504, 7-508, 8-517, 9-568.

Bowling: Banton 19-2-81-1 (nb6), Gordon 22-2-103-2 (nb 18), Davidson 7-0-27-0 (nb1), Perry 37-3-6-110-2, Tucker 34-2-115-2, Carter 35-3-129-2, Neita 4-1-16-0 (nb2).

JAMAICA first innings  
W. Lewis c Sidhu b S. Sharma 9  
D. Morgan c Raman b Hirwani 19  
J. Adams lbw b S. Sharma 38  
Samuels c Vengsarkar b Hirwani 46  
C. Davidson lbw b S. Sharma 74  
M. Neita c Karim b A. Sharma 36  
M. Tucker c sub b Venkat 18  
N. Perry b Venkat 24  
C. Carter not out 4  
S. Gordon not out 21  
Extras (b-6, lb-8, nb-7) 28  
Total (for 8 wickets) 281  
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-48, 3-81, 4-144, 5-211, 6-232, 7-276, 8-277.  
Bowling: S. Sharma 19-1-40-3, R. Singh 16-1-40-0 (nb6), Venkat 42-16-72-2, Raman 6-3-4-0 (nb1), Hirwani 26-3-75-2, A. Sharma 14-4-24-1, Manjrekar 3-2-3-0.

## Hick leads Worcester to win

### Rain saves Glamorgan

LONDON, April 25, (Reuters) An unbeaten half-century from Graeme Hick helped Worcestershire launch their county cricket championship defence with a seven-wicket win at Nottingham yesterday.

The Zimbabwe-born player's 55 not out will not be remembered as one of his most stylish but with rain threatening, Worcester needed to hustle to score 126 in their second innings and win the four-day match.

Hick was fortunate to see several false shots fall out of reach of fielders as he attacked from the start he hit seven boundaries from the 65 balls he faced.

Hick's run tally already this season is 284 for once out and he is on course to repeat last season's feat of scoring 1,000 runs before the end of May. He has a possible 10 innings left in which to do it.

The great Australian batsman Sir Donald Bradman is the only player to reach the target twice.

Rain deprived Leicestershire of a win at their Grace Road ground over Glamorgan in their opening championship match.

Glamorgan, needing 439 to win after David Gower had scored a career-best 228 for Leicestershire, were in trouble at 166 for four shortly after lunch. But rain prevented any further play.

Alan Butcher was the only batsman to defy the Leicester bowlers and was unbeaten on 84 when play was abandoned.

The weather also denied Essex almost certain victory over Kent at Canterbury.

After declaring at their overnight 224 for three and setting Kent 309 to win, Essex reduced the home side to 133 for eight before rain drove the players off soon after lunch.

Derek Pringle, with four for 36, and Don Topley, with three for 40, did the damage and the only Kent resistance came in a fifth-wicket partnership of 71 in 19 overs between Neil Taylor,

who made 63, and Trevor Ward, who scored 25.

### Results

At Lords: Middlesex vs Yorkshire match drawn. Middlesex 260 and 119 for four. Yorkshire 130 in 50.3 overs. Middlesex 7 points, Yorkshire 3.

At Southampton: Hampshire vs Somerset match drawn. Somerset 413 in 149 overs and 71 for one. Hampshire 318. Hampshire 4 points, Somerset 6.

At Trent Bridge: Worcestershire beat Nottinghamshire by seven wickets. Nottinghamshire 218 in 85.3 overs and 198. Worcestershire 291 in 115.2 overs and 129 for three (G. Hick 55 not out). Worcestershire 22 points, Nottinghamshire 5.

At Leicester: Leicestershire vs Glamorgan match drawn. Leicestershire 190 in 86.3 overs and 415 for nine declared. Glamorgan 167 in 71.2 overs and 166 for four (A. Butcher 84 not out). Leicestershire and Glamorgan 5 points.



Hick on target

At Edgbaston: Warwickshire vs Lancashire match drawn. Lancashire 259 in 82.4 overs and 171. Warwickshire 210 in 75.4 overs and 81 for four. Warwickshire 6 points, Lancashire 7.

At Canterbury: Kent vs Essex match drawn. Essex 203 in 74.4 overs and 224 for three declared. Kent 119 in 52.3 overs and 133 for eight (N. Taylor 63, D. Pringle four for 36). Kent 4 points, Essex 6.

At Derby: Derbyshire vs Northamptonshire match drawn.

## Colts outclass Hubara to clinch Trico Trophy



Jayantha Kannangara (left) presents the trophy to Colts skipper Hiran.

LANKA COLTS thrashed Hubara by five wickets to win the Trico Trophy cricket tournament and also end the 1988/89 season on a winning note at Ahmadi earlier this week.

Hubara, who were put in to bat, found the going tough against some very accurate Lanka Colts bowling and were restricted to 152 for nine wickets in the 30 allotted overs.

Jimmy James was in excellent

form and hit 42 runs for Hubara. He hammered a six and six fours in his innings and got some valuable support from Talbot, who batted patiently for 28 runs.

For Colts, the bowling honours were shared by Oliver and Ralph, who took two wickets each while Nakala, Lal and Adi got one each.

Colts started their innings on a disastrous note with Ossen caught behind by Shipton off the



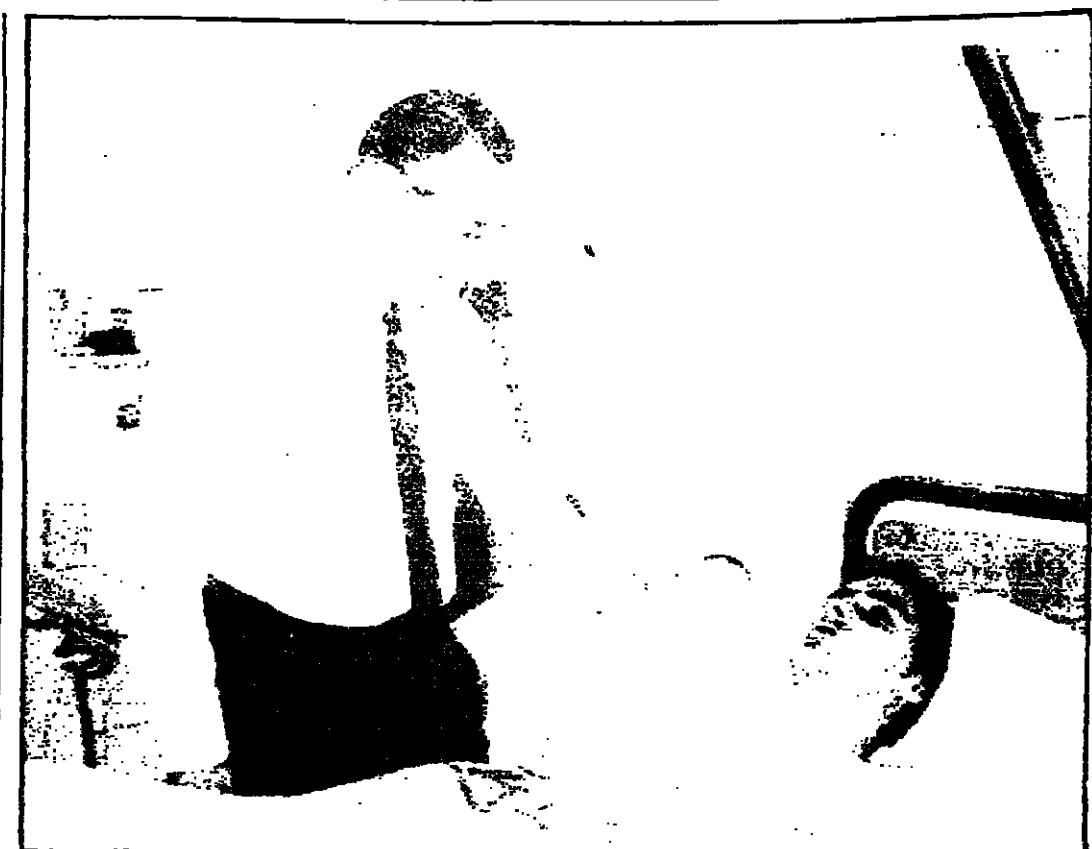
All the members of the Lanka Colts winning squad.

first ball of the innings. Roville then joined the enterprising Nakala, and they took the Colts total to 51, when Roville was caught behind off James for 14. Nakala was next out, bowled by Flower for 39 — which included 5 fours and a six over long off.

With Ralph departing for four, the Colts were in some sort of trouble at 57 for 4. Left hander Roy and the young Vimal then

took the initiative away from Hubara with a valuable stand of 66 in 9 overs.

With the score at 123, Vimal was out lbw to T.K. for a hard hit 32. Skipper Hiran batting lower down the order joined Roy and added the required 30 runs to take Colts to victory with 5 overs and 5 wickets to spare. Roy remained unbeaten on 41 studied with 5 well struck boundaries and Hiran unbeaten on 16 with 2



Berger (right) talks to the famous Austrian physiotherapist Willi Dungi about the crash. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Berger to miss next two races

### Ferrari silent on cause of crash

INNSBRUCK, Austria, April 25, (Reuters) Austrian racing driver Gerhard Berger will miss the next two world championship races after crashing in Sunday's San Marino Grand Prix.

Berger, whose Ferrari burst into flames after the spectacular Imola crash, was flown to Innsbruck hospital suffering a broken rib, shoulder fracture, and first and second degree burns to his hands, feet and back.

"I can forget the next two races. The problem is I can't hold a steering wheel because my hands are burnt," he told Austrian Radio yesterday.

"It's not too bad, my hands, feet and back all hurt, but I'm in good shape considering," he added.

The Austrian will be out of the Monaco Grand Prix on May 7 and the Mexican race on May 28. Berger said all he remembered was something breaking on his right front side, either his suspension or a wing. "I was about to take the curve when something snapped. All I can remember is taking my hands off the wheel just before I hit the wall. I don't remember anything of the fire."

Asked whether it would upset him to watch a video recording of the crash, Berger replied: "No problem, every racing driver can have bad luck, you haven't got a chance if something like that goes."

He said the spot where the accident happened was

one of the three most dangerous on the Imola circuit. "I was really lucky," he added.

Ferrari remained silent yesterday about the possible causes of the 275 kph crash at Imola's fast Tamborello curve.

At their Maranello headquarters north of Bologna preliminary investigations had begun overnight but no announcement was made.

Technical observers, who had seen the remains of Berger's car after it was recovered from the circuit on Sunday, suggested the fire was caused when a radiator from one of the sidepods burst through the fuel tank during the impact of the crash.

Belgian Thierry Boutsen, who was driving behind Berger at the time, said he believed the Austrian had lost his wing.

The head of Imola's emergency medical team, Giuseppe Piana, said Berger owed his life to the strength of his car's protective cockpit and the swift intervention of rescue workers.

"Sometimes miracles are made on earth," Piana told Italian television. "Yesterday, fortunately for us, all the procedures functioned to perfection."

Marshalls and emergency services reached Berger's burning Ferrari and put out the fire within 23 seconds of the crash.

## NBC examines sensitive subject of race and sports

### Blacks are better: Lewis

LOS ANGELES, April 25, (UPI) Carl Lewis' conclusions about black athletic superiority are neither scientific nor easy to disprove.

"Generally, the blacks, physically, are made better," the Olympic gold medal winning track star says on NBC news documentary, "Black athletes — fact and fiction," airing this evening.

Lewis bases his opinions on years of competition. The issue, brought to the forefront by recent foot-in-the-mouth comments by former Los Angeles Dodgers vice-president Al Campanis and sportscaster Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder, is examined by scientists, athletes and race-relations experts.

"A lot of people said it was a high-risk proposition," said news anchor Tom Brokaw, who hosts the one-hour programme. "But as a journalist and sports fan, I felt a responsibility to get this out of the bar-room level and deal with it in a comprehensive way, in a rational setting."

The documentary begins by asking why basketball has become a black sport and follows the story of Philadelphia high school star Philip Crump, who is black.

While one scientific study concludes blacks are generally built better for leaping and short bursts of speed — necessities in basketball — University of California-Berkeley sociologist Dr. Harry Edwards, who is black, says blacks are superior in many sports because they have fewer opportunities in other areas.

NBC says blacks make up 75 per cent of the NBA, 63 per cent of the NFL and constitute one-third of the top stars in baseball.

Stanford track coach Brooks Johnson, who is black, refutes Lewis' claims and says his mission is to find a "white Carl Lewis."

A segment on long-distance runners examines the dominance of Kenyans. While some say evolution shaped black bodies, others cite cultural reasons and diet.

"Based on evidence we've seen so far, there are some physical differences," Brokaw said. "I'm kind of in the (former tennis great) Arthur Ashe category — in his heart, he doesn't want to believe it, but in his heart he does."

The show stops short of exploring whether whites use smarts to make up for physical deficiencies.

"We're not dealing with gray matter or extra lobes in brains," Brokaw said. "The whole question about intelligence and intellect is another question." Brokaw said some at NBC were not eager to get involved in the project.

"People in house were diving under desks, blacks and whites alike," he admitted. "A lot of friends counselled me to duck this. (But) people who have seen it so far have been relieved. In a way, the reaction transcends the colour line."

"I hope what it will do is generate debate, but at a responsible level. I don't think it's the end-all. This is a subject that is a work in progress."

NBC does its jobs responsibly, but also includes clips of the infamous Campanis and Snyder incidents and another featuring former sportscaster Howard Cosell calling a black football player a "little monkey."

## Hendry stays on course

SHEFFIELD, England, April 25, (Reuters) Scotland's Stephen Hendry stayed well on course in his attempt to become the youngest world snooker champion when he brushed aside Willie Thorne of England to move into the quarterfinals yesterday.

The 20-year-old converted a 6-2 overnight lead into a comfortable 13-4 victory, winning the final frame 79-1 with a break of 48.

But Hendry was far from satisfied with his performance. "No disrespect to Willie, but I didn't feel that I played as well as I did in my first round match," he said.

Hendry survived a first round scare when he won only 10-9 against little-known Gary Wilkinson.

"It's nice to win as easily as that (against Thorne) without playing well. The standard of snooker wasn't very good. Our misses put each other off."

Hendry lined up a quarterfinal appearance against 41-year-old Welshman Terry Griffiths who completed an arduous 13-9 win over Silvino Francisco of South Africa.

In other results, England's Tony Meo beat Eddie Charlton of Australia 13-8 and another Englishman Dean Reynolds beat Wayne Jones of Wales 13-3.



## SPORTS

## Portugal hope to breathe life into World Cup bid

LISBON, April 25, (Reuters). Injury-hit Portugal meet Switzerland tomorrow hoping to breathe some life into their bid for a place in next year's World Cup soccer finals.

A disappointing 1-0 win over outsiders Luxembourg and a 1-1 draw against Belgium have left the Portuguese with no option but to press for a clear victory in a tightly qualifying group.

"It is not make-or-break ... but we simply cannot afford anything other than a good victory in what is our third home game," manager Julio Juca, Cernadas said.

## E. Germans meet Soviets without eight regulars

MOSCOW, April 25, (Reuters). Struggling East Germany, beaten at home by Turkey two weeks ago, go into tomorrow's World Cup soccer qualifier against the Soviet Union without eight regular players because of injury.

In contrast to their success in other sports, the East German soccer team seems lately to lack strategic sense, commitment, and, at times, even elementary skills.

First-choice goalkeeper Rene Mueller is missing for the match in Kiev, replaced by Joerg Weissflog, as are defenders Mathias Lindner, Ronald Kreier and Detlef Schoessler, libero Frank Rohde and midfielders Joerg Stuebner, Hans-Uwe Pilz and Ralf Minge.

Trainer Manfred Zapf has called up Frank Lieberman, the libero who scored the equaliser in Dynamo Dresden's UEFA Cup semi-final, second leg match against VfB Stuttgart.

There are six players in the 16-man squad from Dresden, who are well clear at the top of the East German First Division.

Their League and UEFA performance has been in stark contrast to the national side's shoddy showing so far in European Group Three, with just two points from three games.

The 2-0 defeat by Turkey spelt the virtual end to any hope of reaching the 1990 finals, although mathematically they still have a chance.

A handsome victory by the Soviets would put them on top of the table and in good heart for next month's trip to Turkey.

Dynamo Kiev supply eight of the 20-man Soviet squad. Kiev veterans Ivan Yarmchuk and Pavel Yakovenko are both out with injuries.

European Group Three (tabulate under played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, against, points):						
Turkey	4	2	1	1	8	5
Soviet Union	2	1	0	3	1	3
Austria	2	0	1	3	1	3
East Germany	3	1	0	2	3	2
Iceland	3	0	2	1	2	4

## Bulgaria hit by injuries

SOFIA, April 25, (Reuters). Injuries and suspensions have compounded Bulgaria's problems for tomorrow's World Cup soccer qualifier with Denmark.

Bulgaria have fared poorly since they lost to Ireland in their European championship qualifier in 1987.

Now with five of their key players missing for their European Group One clash, they have to bank on enthusiasm rather than experience.

"We have very big problems at the moment," Bulgarian manager Boris Angelov said.

European Group One (tabulate under played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, against, points):						
Romania	2	2	0	0	6	1
Denmark	2	0	2	0	2	2
Bulgaria	2	0	1	1	2	1
Greece	2	0	1	1	1	1

## Lineker seeks to end scoring drought

England weakened by withdrawal of Barnes



Gary Lineker

LONDON, April 25, (Reuters). Gary Lineker will seek to end his own scoring drought and help repair the damaged morale of English soccer when he leads the attack against Albania in a World Cup qualifier at Wembley tomorrow.

Lineker, who has not scored for England since last May when he hit the winner against Switzerland in a friendly, has shown signs of improved form with his Spanish club Barcelona in recent weeks, but needs to prove he remains an international marksman of the highest quality.

Clear.

"If he can end his run of seven games without a goal, Lineker will not only lift England clear of Sweden in the top of European qualifying Group Two, but also revive English spirits after the tragedy at the Liverpool-Notttingham Forest FA Cup semi-final at Hillsborough which claimed 95 lives 10 days ago."

England manager Bobby Robson captured the mood of his team when he said: "We have all had to steel ourselves for the task, to get our minds right at a time of grief and mourning."

The game took such a knock at Hillsborough that a good English performance and win is needed to give a boost to the whole country. I will tell the players nothing less will do."

Robson's squad has been weakened by the withdrawal of Liverpool's John Barnes, who has committed himself to attend funerals this week, but his team is still likely to be too strong for Albania's well-organised but limited side.

Barnes' place in on the left wing is likely to be taken by Chris Waddle with another Liverpool player, Peter Beardsley, recalled to partner Lineker in a team otherwise unchanged from the one which beat Albania 2-0 in Tirana last month.

Waddle believes Wembley's spacious pitch will be perfect for Lineker to add to his total of 28 goals for England. He said: "Their defence isn't the most solid I've played against and if Gary plays I'd bet on him scoring a couple of goals."

Albania coach Shyqyri Rreli said today he had left behind first choice goalkeeper Halim Mersini, striker Arben Minga and midfielder Mirel Josa, who are all injured.

His two goalkeepers include 16-year-old Bledi Nallbani of Partizan Belgrade. Edmond Kela was playing for the Albanian under-21 side against England today so Nallbani, who will not be 17 until August, could make his senior debut at Wembley.

Group Two standings (tabulate under played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, against, points):

England	2	1	0	2	3	3
Sweden	2	1	0	1	2	3
Poland	1	1	0	0	1	2
Albania	3	0	0	3	1	0

## W. Germans to face Dutch

Beckenbauer recalls Augenthaler



Augenthaler holds the key to W. German chances

ROTTERDAM, April 25, (Reuters). Libero Klaus Augenthaler, whose international career looked over in 1986, will be a key figure when he makes his comeback for West Germany in the World Cup match against the Netherlands here tomorrow.

The Germans, losing finalists at the last two World Cups, and the gifted Dutch, who conquered Europe last year, may both qualify for the 1990 finals from European Group Four. But the second team in the four-nation section is not completely sure of going, which makes this such an important contest.

Augenthaler, 31, was forced out of the 1986 World Cup in Mexico with an injury after just two matches and has struggled to get back in Franz Beckenbauer's team since then. He last appeared as a substitute against Spain in October 1986.

But the stocky libero has been in the best form of his life in Bayern Munich's League and UEFA Cup campaigns this season and Beckenbauer sees his authoritative presence as a vital factor against the Dutch — and beyond.

"Augenthaler has returned to form because he believes he is the boss. Other players need him and look for him," Beckenbauer said. "He has this role in my team now and will play libero all the way to Italy."

At least Augenthaler's defence will not have to worry about former European Player of the Year Raul Gullit, who was injured in AC Milan's European Cup semi-final win over Real Madrid last week. He is expected to be replaced by Ajax Amsterdam's Aron Winter.

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European Group Four (tabulate under played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, against, points):

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Malta chase first Cup win in 30 starts

VALLETTA, April 25, (Reuters). Carmel Busuttil, the Belgian-based striker who scored Malta's goal in a surprise 1-1 draw with Hungary in a World Cup qualifier in Budapest earlier this month, may miss the European Group Six match against Northern Ireland tomorrow.

He was still in Belgium today awaiting the birth of his first child.

"If he doesn't turn up I shall have to reshuffle my team," Malta manager Horst Heese said.

Busuttil would be sorely missed as Malta, boosted by their fine showing in Budapest, seek their first World Cup victory in 30 attempts. They are bottom of the group with only two points from five games.

Northern Ireland, who beat the Maltese 3-0 in Belfast 11 months ago, need another win to keep alive their hopes of qualifying for the finals in Italy. They have squeezed out only three points from their five qualifying ties.

Their chances took a knock yesterday with the withdrawal of Manchester United midfielder Norman Whiteside.

Group Six standings (tabulate under played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, against, points):

Spain	5	5	0	14	0	10
Northern Ireland	4	1	3	0	4	3
Malta	5	0	2	3	7	2
Yugoslavia	3	0	2	4	2	2
Ireland	3	0	2	3	12	2
Malta	5	0	2	3	12	2

## Clark and Ballesteros on collision course

LONDON, April 25, (Reuters). Briton Howard Clark faces the prospect of another round of golf with Severiano Ballesteros next week hard on the heels of an unpleasant row on Sunday.

Clark is in the same half of the draw as the Spaniard for the European Matchplay Championship at Chepstow in Wales from May 4-7. The pair are due to meet in the semifinals.

Clark, beaten by one shot by Ballesteros in the Madrid Open on Sunday, complained: "He prowled around the greens while I was putting and I thought he was trying to be very intimidating."

Ballesteros said he had been walking around reading the greens in readiness for putting.



McNeil put in an erratic performance

## McNeil fights back to outplay Hakami

HOUSTON, April 25, (UPI). Lori McNeil came from behind in her hometown last night to edge Elly Hakami 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 in the opening round of the Virginia Slims of Houston.

Hakami, ranked 115th in the world, broke the fourth-seeded McNeil's serve twice in racing to a 5-1 lead in the first set.

But McNeil, ranked 14th in the world, broke Hakami twice in the second set to tie the match.

Hakami won the first two games of the final set, but McNeil eventually closed out the match by breaking Hakami's serve.

McNeil said she was not unnerved by her erratic performance. "My main focus is the French Open and I'm just using this tournament as practice," she said.

Hakami, a semifinalist at this tournament last year, was visibly upset by her failure to pull off the upset.

"I know I could've beaten her," Hakami said. "I had lots of chances. Not to take credit from her, but I can't say I'm satisfied."

In other first-round action yesterday, Katrina Adams beat 17-year-old Donna Faber 3-6, 7-6 (7-2), 6-3. Angeliki Kanellopoulou of Greece beat Kate Gompert 6-3, 6-2, and Monica Seles whipped Mary Lou Daniels of Chicago, 6-2, 6-3.

Faber broke Adams three times to easily win the first set. Faber rebounded from a 3-0 deficit in the second set to take a 5-4 lead. But Adams held serve and then demolished Faber in the tiebreaker.

Adams jumped to a 3-0 lead in the final set and was never seriously challenged. "I was forcing a lot of shots in the first set," Adams said, "and I lost my concentration after I jumped out in the second. But I just stopped making errors."

A crucial point came in the tiebreaker when Adams blindly stabbed a slice backhand for a crosscourt winner to go up 5-2. "I hadn't made a passing shot all day," Adams said, "and that shot made me feel like I could attack and win."

Gompert, who was among the world's top 50 players for more than three years in the mid-1980s, is trying to come back after mononucleosis forced her out of action last year.

But in five events this year, Gompert has yet to advance past the first round.

"I'll have to go through some tough matches until I get it back," said Gompert. "The physical part is coming back. It's just the mental side that's eluding me."

"You take (the ranking) for granted, but when you don't have it, you realise how hard it is to get it back," Gompert said.

## Sundstrom loses opener

Forget routs Lavalie

MONTE CARLO, April 25, (Reuters). Henrik Sundstrom of Sweden found the comeback trail today going yesterday as he began a return to the men's tennis circuit at the scene of his greatest triumph.

Sundstrom, 1984 Monte Carlo Open champion but now ranked 675th in the world, made a first round exit in this year's tournament with a 6-4, 6-7 (3-3) defeat to American Lawson Duncan, ranked 64th.

The Swede, who confessed he had lost interest in tennis for some time, was playing his first match in nine months.

Problem.

"I am to play the European clay court season this summer," he said. "The problem is that my ranking is so low I may need a wild card just to enter the qualifiers."

"It's a bit like starting all over again. I know what to do but the last time I was playing well was three or four years ago and that's a long way off."

Meanwhile, the 16 seeds, led by Monte Carlo residents Mats Wilander and West German Boris Becker, received a bye into the second round.

In their absence there were some outstanding displays by qualifiers Carl Limberger of Australia and Martin Strebla of Czechoslovakia.

Limberger beat 17-year-old Yugoslav Goran Ivanisevic, semifinalist last week in Nice, 7-5, 6-4 while Strebla beat Frenchman Olivier Delaite 6-4, 6-0.

It was by no means all bad for the French, however, with Davis Cup players Guy Forget and Thierry Tulasne both producing excellent performances.

Forget thrashed Mexican Leonardo Lavalle 6-0, 6-1 and Tulasne gave little more away in a 6-3, 6-1 win over Marian Vajda of Czechoslovakia.

Martin Jaito of Argentina, losing finalist to Ivan Lendl last year, beat American Jimmy Arias, the 1987 runner-up, in a tightly fought three-setter.

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Cup qualifier

ATHENS, April 25, (Reuters). Romania, with the strength of European Cup finalists Steaua Bucharest to bolster them, can underline their World Cup finals claim with another victory over Greece tomorrow. Romania beat the Greeks 3-0 at home in their first European Group One clash in November and look set once more to outgun the younger and less experienced Greek side.

## Liverpool player

LONDON, April 25, (Reuters). Defender David Burrows was today to become the first Liverpool player to return to action since the Hillsborough soccer disaster, but four of his team mates have turned down international calls. Burrows was to play for the England under-21 side who face Albania in a European under-21 championship Group Two match at Ipswich.

## First game

LONDON, April 25, (AP). Liverpool soccer team's first game since 95 of its fans died in the April 15 Sheffield stadium disaster will be a charity match Sunday against Scottish League champion Glasgow Celtic.

## Napoli manager

NAPLES, Italy, April 25, (Reuters). Napoli manager Ottavio Bianchi says he will stay with the UEFA Cup finalists until 1990 after a cool reception to his offer to leave in June.

## European squash

HELSINKI, April 25, (Reuters). England are firm favourites to retain their men's and women's titles at the European Team Squash Championships which begin tomorrow.

## Iranian athlete

NICOSIA, April 25, (Reuters). A paralysed Iranian athlete set out in his wheelchair yesterday on a 17,000-km (10,500-mile) tour of 17 European countries, the Iranian news agency IRNA reported.

## Ben Johnson

OTTAWA, April 25, (Reuters). The Canadian government said yesterday that disgraced sprinter Ben Johnson will not be allowed to run for his country in the 1992 Barcelona Olympics.

## England captain

LONDON, April 25, (Reuters). England Rugby Union captain Will Carling is likely to miss the British Lions tour of Australia this year after learning that he needs an operation for benign growths on a shinbone.

## Soviets win

STOCKHOLM, April 25, (UPI). The Soviet Union maintained its perfect record and ruined Sweden's unbeaten run with a 3-2 victory in the World Ice Hockey Championships yesterday.

## Cycle race

LA CORUNA, Spain, April 25, (UPI). Belgian rider Mannix Lammeire won the first stage of the 1989 Tour of Spain cycle race yesterday to capture the leader's yellow jersey.

## Qadsiya and Al Arabi set to clash

KUWAIT, April 25, (KUNA). HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah this evening patronised HH the Amir Soccer Cup final between Al Arabi and Al Qadsiya sporting clubs.

The match is expected to attract large crowds in view of the two clubs' popularity. These two clubs are the most popular among all Kuwaiti football clubs.

The Arabi-Qadsiya encounter is the first to pit them face-to-face in the Amir Cup final since 1972. Al Arabi won on that occasion.

Al Arabi has won the Amir's Cup eight times to top Kuwaiti clubs in this feat only to be followed by Qadsiya which captured the trophy seven times, similar to Al Kuwait Club, Yarmouk and Kazma clubs have each grabbed the cup twice while Fahaheel has managed to win it only once.

Al Kuwait had won last year's Cup finals to be the second club to own the Cup twice, similar to Al Arabi.

Sports observers note with satisfaction the return of life to clubs' stadiums this season, following years of half-empty seats.

They also noted that the growing number of fans attending the matches this year indicates an improvement in soccer and is also attributed to Qadsiya's return to serious competition following years of low-level performance.

Qadsiya last won the Amir's Cup in 1978/79 season while Arabi last seized the trophy in 1980/81 season.

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